

The Office of Heritage of the Consell de Formentera is pleased to report that from 23 to 28 March, the island will host the second VerSus+ Heritage for People festival of Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV). The festival is organised in collaboration with other universities and research centres in Portugal, France and Italy and this year benefits from the participation of the Consell de Formentera. Approximately fifty people will participate in the event, which combines expert working sessions with activities for the general public.

The initiative aims to raise universal awareness of vernacular heritage. On Formentera, the 20-point programme will encompass lectures, workshops, an exhibition, family activities and working days. Participants will include experts from UPV, the universities of Cagliari and Florence, the CRAterre-ENSAG Association of France and Portucalense University.

In the words of Raquel Guasch, heritage councillor, "Formentera is helping to organise this event because it is an ideal opportunity to showcase our architecture, traditional techniques and local materials and to share them with experts from other countries. It is also a way to promote Formentera's heritage and cultural treasures and showcase our values in tourism".

Activities for the general public:

Thursday 23 March

7.00pm | Exhibition opening: 'Art i artesanía per al futur de la tradició' (Centre Antoni Tur 'Gabrielet').

Friday 24 March

7.30pm | Heritage for People Lecture 1 (Sala de Plens)

- 'Formentera l'inici de la tradició'; Antoni Ferrer Abárzuza, cultural heritage specialist of the Consell de Formentera.
- 'La gestió del patrimoni cultural de Formentera'; Jaume Escandell, cultural heritage specialist of the Consell de Formentera.

Saturday 25 March

7.30pm | Heritage for People Lecture 2 (Sala de Plens)

- 'Documentación y estudio de la arquitectura vernácula'; Letizia Dipasquale, Alessandro Merlo, Saverio Mecca and Lucia Montoni (Università degli Studi di Firenze).
- 'Actividades de participación, formación y sensibilización sobre el patrimonio vernáculo'; Nuria

Sánchez Muñoz (Centro Internacional de la Construcción en Tierra).

Sunday 26 March

9.00am | Field work of the various groups

- The family game (Centre Antoni Tur 'Gabrielet', Sant Francesc)

7.30pm | Heritage for People Lecture 3

- 'El trabajo de gestión del Patrimonio Cultural Inmaterial de la Administración Pública para la salvaguardia de los conocimientos vernáculos'; Cristina Lafuente (General Subdirectorate of Management and Coordination of Cultural Assets of the Ministry of Culture and Sports).

- 'Strategies for the recognition and the enhancement of the cultural heritage in Sant'Antioco'; Maddalena Achenza, Pier Francesco Cherchi, Amanda Rivera Vidal (Università degli Studi di Cagliari).

- 'Documentación y difusión de la arquitectura vernácula, el proyecto 3D Past'; Ana Lima (Universidade Portucalense).

Monday 27 March

7.30pm | Heritage for People Lecture 4 (Sala de Plens)

- 'Experimentación con hormigón de cal y posidonia para una arquitectura contemporánea y sostenible'; Sara Ferran, Taller 11 (online).

- 'Una isla y su fibra: la madera de sabina en la arquitectura tradicional de Formentera'; Valentina Cristini (Universitat Politècnica de València).

- 'Presentation of European Heritage Volunteers Programme 2023'; Bert Ludwig, European Heritage Volunteers (online)

Tuesday 28 March

5.00pm | Closing ceremony and presentation of results (Sala de Plens)

- Activities and results of festival workshops.

- Announcement of the award and mentions to the artists and artisans of "Art i artesanía per al futur de la tradició" with remarks from winners

- Closing by Raquel Guasch, heritage councillor of the Consell de Formentera.

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