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Religious Heritage as a Living Classroom:

Interfaith Educational Practices in Sacred Spaces

“ Educational use transforms religious heritage from a monument to a living shared space. ”

WHY THIS MATTERS

Religious heritage sites can function as dynamic educational environments fostering interfaith understanding and social cohesion. Teachers are key multipliers: when they experience dialogue in sacred spaces, they bring these experiences back to their classrooms and communities.



OUR APPROACH

A dual approach combining:



Guided visits for students and adult groups



Targeted training initiatives for educators through experiential workshops

We organize visits to places of worship and religious monuments of different faith communities in Athens and nearby cities such as Chalkida.

KEY OUTCOMES



Increased empathy and intercultural awareness



Empowered teachers as multipliers of impact



Repeated educational use reactivates heritage sites



Strengthened interfaith relations and social cohesion



Shared responsibility and "adoption" of monuments across communities

OUR EDUCATIONAL MODEL



SACRED HERITAGE SITES
Churches, mosques, synagogues and other religious monuments



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Visits, observation, exploration and reflection on site



TEACHER TRAINING
Workshops and meetings with faith representatives



SCHOOL PROJECTS
Place-based learning and interfaith educational activities



INTERFAITH DIALOGUE
Personal encounters and collaboration across faith communities



SHARED RESPONSIBILITY
Re-activation and "adoption" of heritage for the common good



Teachers act as mediators and multipliers, transferring these experiences into the classroom and inspiring the next generation.

CONCLUSIONS



Religious heritage becomes a living classroom when people meet in it.



Experiential learning in sacred spaces builds understanding, respect and trust.



Through teachers, these experiences inspire students and communities towards a more peaceful future.



Exploring Jewish heritage in Chalkida



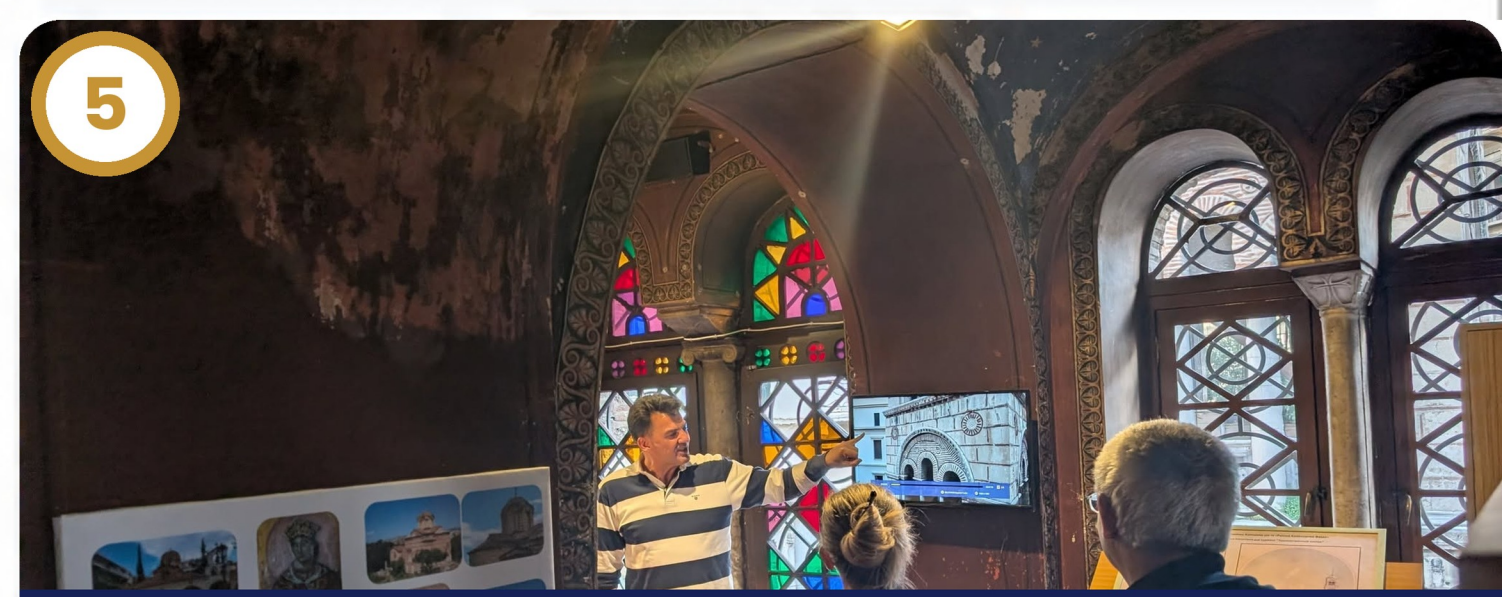
Learning in an Orthodox monastery



Dialogue in a mosque in Athens



Visit and presentation in a synagogue



Discovering Christian heritage together

IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPE



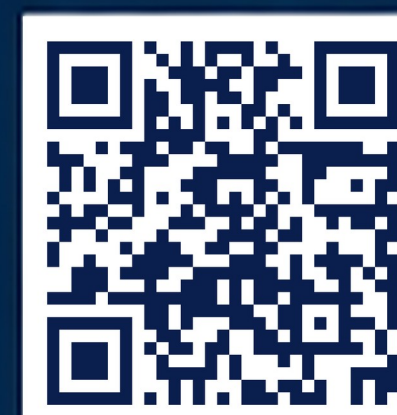
Religious heritage should not only be preserved, but actively used as a **shared educational resource** for **democratic citizenship, intercultural understanding and social cohesion**.



Promoting interfaith understanding through education in sacred spaces, for a more just, peaceful and sustainable Europe.



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