



Famagusta Students “Clean Up Their Act” – and their Monuments

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Archaeology and Art History Club students of Eastern Mediterranean University recently made some of Famagusta’s historic churches shine. The student clean-up campaign, titled “Cleaning Our Act” was funded through a \$3000 small grant from the Supporting Activities that Value the Environment (SAVE) project, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The students cleared debris and cleaned up trash at and around the Lusignan sites of St. George of the Greeks Church, St. George of the Latins Church, St. Francis Church and the Byzantine Church of St. Symeon within Famagusta’s walled city. They will complete the project by providing trash bins and benches which will further increase everyone’s enjoyment of these beautiful cultural heritage sites. The Archaeology and Art History Club students are dedicated to enhancing the rich culture of the island and work to protect and preserve its historical heritage.

The SAVE small grants program is designed to support local groups with innovative ideas that help further SAVE’s overall objective to protect and promote the island’s natural and cultural heritage resources. Applications for small grants are accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis; more information on the SAVE small grants program is available from save-info@irgltd.com. Like all U.S.-funded programs in Cyprus, SAVE is aimed at improving the conditions that will foster a durable Cyprus settlement.



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