

Projects of the Historic Centre of Puebla (Mexico)

Sharing Practice

The team of the Cultural Heritage Management Office of the [Historic Centre of Puebla](#) (Mexico) has shared with us a series of inspiring [projects](#) developed during 2020:

1. Maintenance works have been carried out in public spaces, including facades, artistic lightning and pedestrian structures. For example, sidewalks, mainly made of historical slab, are being corrected and adapted for better mobility and accessibility.



2. A Heritage Education Program promotes the dissemination and enhancement of the city's cultural heritage. One of its central tools is the magazine [“Cuetlaxcoapan. Enfoque al Patrimonio”](#), publishing academic articles on not so known topics about the city.



3. Educational services related to heritage are offered to local communities for free in public spaces of the traditional neighbourhoods of the historic centre.



4. In addition to the Monuments Area, tangible heritage (mainly



religious) has been catalogued within the *Juntas Auxiliares* of Puebla's municipality, whose territorial division dates back to Pre-Hispanic times. In order to reinforce and emphasize Puebla's heritage values, and to promote the long-term maintenance of these sites, a guide for preventive conservation of religious sites, named as "[Patrimonio edificado de uso religioso en las Juntas Auxiliares del municipio de Puebla. Guía de conservación preventiva](#)" was published. The purpose of this publication is to guide those responsible for their upkeep on appropriate conservation measures.

They also share other actions in the World Heritage city taken in response to the on-going pandemic:

- Preventive cleaning and sanitation against COVID 19 in multiple public spaces at Puebla's Historic Centre
- Virtual "Museums Night"
- Partial closure of the Historic Centre to non-essential transit
- Temporary closure of hotels and establishments in the Historic Centre.



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