

## The ‘WithArt on the Camino’ project brings the Fine Arts university community closer to the pilgrimage route

**Santiago de Compostela, 24 September 2021** – The ‘WithArt on the Camino. Fine Arts for the transfer of universal values of the Camino’ project began its journey yesterday in Santiago de Compostela with a welcome ceremony for the university students participating in the initiative. The activities of the project, promoted by the Compostela Group of Universities (CGU) and which is part of the programme O Teu Xacobeo of the Xunta de Galicia, will take place from 23 to 30 September in the Galician capital, Ferrol, Neda and Pontedeume.

In this welcoming event, the group of university students was greeted by the Executive Secretary of the CGU, Teresa Carballeira Rivera, and the member of the Executive Committee of the CGU, Manuel Freire-Garabal. In her speech, Teresa Carballeira explained that the decision to locate the main activities in Ferrol is due to the fact that the city is “the starting point of the English Route” and its “commitment to the regeneration of the Canido area through art”. Today at the late morning the group will be received by the mayor of Ferrol, Ángel Mato, and then they will have the opportunity to visit the town. The 13 participating undergraduate and doctoral students enrolled in programmes in branches of knowledge related to artistic creation at the universities of Seville (Spain), Technical of Madrid (Spain), Vigo (Spain), National Mayor de San Marcos (Peru) and Zaragoza (Spain). Specifically, fine arts, graphic design, painting, drawing, engraving and architecture.

The CGU has granted them all a scholarship that covers the costs of accommodation, meals, local transport, materials for their artistic creations and civil liability insurance. As for the programme of activities of ‘WithArt on the Camino’, it was designed for the group of university students to have unique experiences and expand their knowledge of the tangible and intangible heritage of the pilgrimage route. Thus, during their stay in Ferrol they will attend academic lectures, take part in cultural activities and walk two sections of the Camino de Santiago. In addition to working in groups in the creation of artistic projects, coordinated by the painter Eduardo Hermida. These works will be presented on Wednesday 29 September in the city.

The programme will conclude on Thursday 30 September in Santiago de Compostela with a seminar in which the main conclusions drawn from their participation in the initiative will be presented.

## The Compostela Group of Universities

The Compostela Group of Universities (CGU) is a non-profit international organisation, recognised as an association of public benefit in 2020, which works for fostering cooperation and promoting dialogue in all areas of Higher Education. The CGU took its first steps in 1994 and since its creation, it has grown to unite more than 60 universities from all over the world. All the members of the network share the values of cooperation and integration developed around the Camino de Santiago.

## Compostela Academy on the Camino of the CGU

The Compostela Academy on the Camino was born in 2018 to bring together the initiatives of the Compostela Group of Universities related to this pilgrimage route. The decision to create this programme responds to the need to bring together the wide variety of activities of the university network focused on this cultural route and the dissemination of its values to the university community and society.