

verbal arts centre



The Alphabet Quilt

CREATED BY THE MINORITY ETHNIC WOMEN'S GROUP
OF BALLYSHANNON, CO. DONEGAL, IRELAND

From October 2010 until March 2011, a group of women from five countries and the Irish Travellers' Community met in the Abbey Mill, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. Working together they identified common issues and concerns that they held as women, and created the Alphabet Quilt. Using handwoven Irish tweed and a rainbow selection of coloured cotton batiks, they identified words for each letter of the alphabet, and illustrated them using a variety of textile techniques.

The Alphabet Quilt was part of a larger alphabet project sponsored by Port na Fáilte, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Port na Fáilte aims to support ethnic minority groups in Donegal, as well as supporting the local community in appreciating cultural diversity. It is an EU Peace III project, administered by the Donegal County Council and the Donegal County Development Board.

The quilt will be on display from Thursday 16 June until 31 August 2011. It is part of a continuous series of quilt exhibitions in the Verbal Arts Centre curated by Roberta Bacic, which started on the 8th March 2008 and led up to International Womens Day 2009 and beyond.

<http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/quilts/exhibit/vacquilts.html>
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