



# verbal arts centre

## “Age Old Stories” Arpillera

Age Old Stories is a Peace III Programme which hosted its first inter-generational workshop to coincide with International Women's Day. Young and old people from different community groups and schools in the city gathered at the Verbal Arts Centre with the aim of creating an arpillera in which the stories of the girls and women from the local communities would be told.

This workshop took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March as part of the celebrations and launch of Story Makers 2008-2012, a festival of arpilleras and quilts to mark International Women's Day 2012. The exhibition featured the story of the 25 textiles that were exhibited individually at the Verbal Arts Centre since 2008. The exhibition provided an opportunity for a get-together of many of the different participating groups and communities.

Age Old Stories aims to bring people, both young and old, from different cultural and religious backgrounds together to learn and share stories about each other's religious and cultural similarities and differences. The programme aims to develop the foundations that will enable people to bridge the gap of separation not only between the young and old but also between different communities. The sharing of stories helps us all to listen, learn and understand about each other's lives and become more acceptant of the differences.

This exhibit will be on display from 20<sup>th</sup> June until 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012. It is part of a continuous series of arpilleras and quilt exhibitions in the Verbal Arts Centre curated by Roberta Bacic, which started on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and led up to International Women's Day 2009 and beyond.

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



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