



Cultural Stories in Textiles

25th-27th February

Harpur's Hill Community Centre,
Coleraine

These quilts and arpilleras come from grassroots groups and women who have found a way to express themselves through textiles as individuals, as members of a family, a group and/or a community. They have been made in Ireland, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Mexico, Nigeria & Zimbabwe.

Arpilleras (pronounced 'ar-pee-air-ahs') are three-dimensional appliqué textiles of Latin America which originated in Chile.

Some of these quilts and arpilleras depict scenes of daily life and give us an insight into what the maker's life and traditions are. There are others that go further in using traditional textile crafts to depict repression, violence, trauma and misery. Handmade textiles such as these convey experiences that are difficult or impossible to express in words. They cross the barriers of language and culture to communicate with other people.

There will be guided tours of the exhibition at regular intervals every day, as well as drop-in activities for families and special workshops for schools and community groups.

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Where:

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Opening times:

Thursday 25 February	2pm-5pm
Friday 26 February	9am-5pm
Saturday 27 February	9am-2pm



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The exhibition is presented by Crafts with Love, a voluntary organisation working with both traditional and modern styles of crafting to explore and develop cross community interaction and diversity.

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