

CONFLICT TEXTILES



Outcome from workshop at Drumman National School (NS), June 2017

In June 2017, fifth and sixth class pupils at Drumman NS, participated in an workshop where they created arpillera dolls. These dolls were subsequently mounted onto hessian by Fabric Artist Deborah Stockdale.



The finished arpillera. (Photo: Aidan O'Doherty)

Aidan O' Doherty, who was present at the workshop and gave a brief account of his voluntary work with children in Elefsina refugee camp in Greece, subsequently brought the finished piece back to Greece. A friend of his, who is a refugee, delivered the arpillera to Scaramangas refugee camp.



Children in Scaramangas refugee camp pictured with the arpillera from Drumman NS students.
(Photo: Aidan O'Doherty)



Children pictured with the Drumman NS arpillera in their schoolroom in Scaramangas. (Photo: Aidan O'Doherty)



Children and their teacher displaying the Drumman NS arpillera against the backdrop of the world map. (Photo: Aidan O'Doherty)

So, through needle, thread and fabric, rural children in Drumman have managed to reach out to, connect with and show solidarity with children in very different circumstances in refugee camps in Greece.

Web links to Scaramangas Camp

<https://www.actionaid.org.uk/blog/news/2016/09/27/in-pictures-life-inside-an-athens-refugee-camp>

<http://www.library4all.com/en/books-love-and-hope-fro-the-refugee-children-at-the-scaramangas-camp/>

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