

CONFLICT TEXTILES

Causeway Coast and Glen's Borough Council's Good Relations Programme (CCGBC)

Workshop programme: WE CANNOT WALK ALONE – Refugee week 2021

Photo gallery

Throughout May and June Conflict Textiles curator, Roberta Bacic and Conflict Textiles Fabric Artist Deborah Stockdale facilitated a total of six online and onsite workshops where participants created arpillera dolls responding to the theme of Refugee week 2021 “We Cannot Walk Alone”. The majority of dolls were made from scraps of fabric, using tights or felt as a basis, whilst in the workshops with children/youth groups, cardboard silhouettes were used.

Deborah, with help from Roberta, stitched the finished fabric dolls onto a backing which formed a collective banner. This banner is now displayed in Flowerfield Arts Centre Portstewart; the first stage of its journey to various locations and groups.



Deborah Stockdale with the finished collective banner, the outcome of six workshops, now on display in Flowerfield Arts Centre, Portstewart. (Photo: Bebhinn McKinley)



Nicole Cassidy, Roe Valley Residents Association and Robert Bacic, ConflictTextiles with the completed cardboard doll display created by children / youth groups in the Limavady area. (Photo: Jordan Dallas)



A second display of cardboard dolls made by children/youth groups in Limavady. (Photo: Nicole Cassidy)



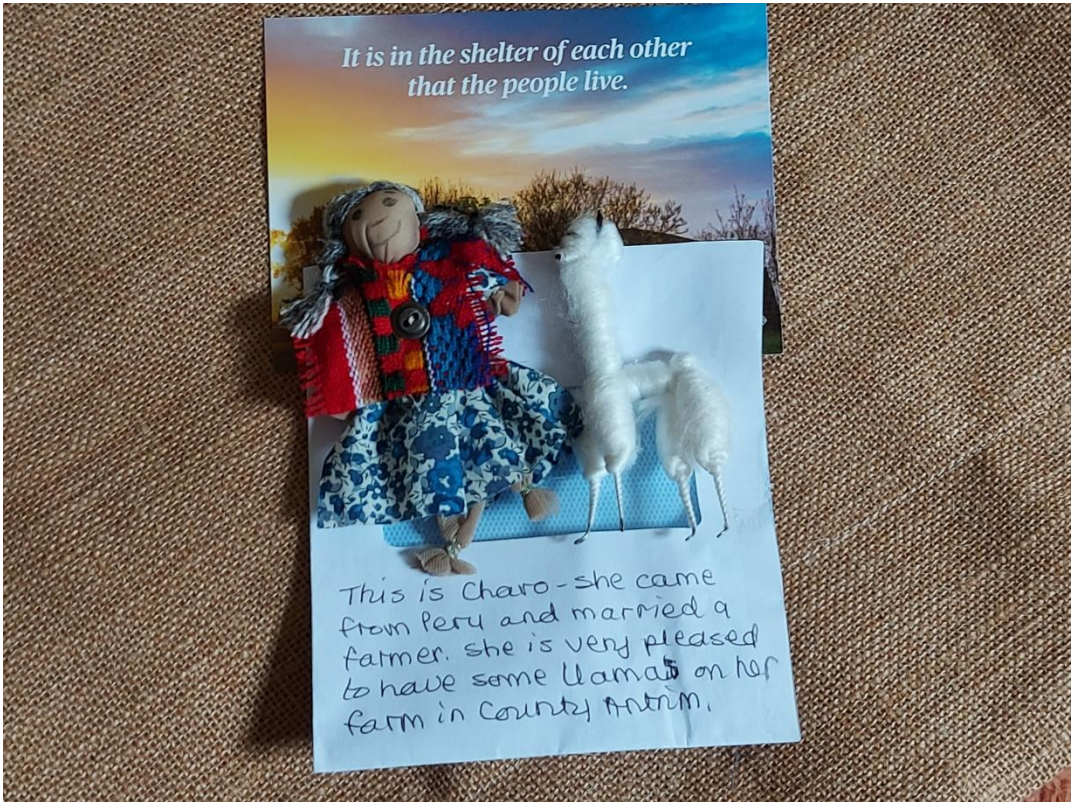
These participants get started on creating their dolls. (Photo: Ashleen Scheening)



Concentrating on the task. (Photo: Ashleen Scheening)



The finished arpillera dolls take their place on the banner. (Photo: Deborah Stockdale)



A close up of Charo from Peru. (Photo: Bebhinn McKinley)



Roberta Bacic and Deborah Stockdale assembling the collective banner
(Photo: Bebhinn McKinley)



The finished dolls stitched onto the backing by Deborah, with help from Roberta. (Photo: Deborah Stockdale)



A selection of dolls made in recent years in workshops in Zimbabwe, Brazil, Northern Ireland, Japan, Peru, Colombia, Ireland and Germany. Roberta displayed these dolls in Flowerfield Arts Centre to mark the closing event where participants gathered to view the Collective Banner on display. (Photo: Deborah Stockdale)



Participants from the Portstewart group on a visit to Flowerfield Arts Centre to view the Collective Banner on display, pictured with their coordinator, workshop facilitators Roberta Bacic and Deborah Stockdale and two women visiting the group. They are displaying an arpillera completed with the Friendship Club, Belfast in 2020 - pre lockdown. (Photo: Ann Patterson)

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