

Mujeres Disruptivas collective arpillera unveiling at Void Gallery, Derry-Londonderry

Tuesday 20 June, 2pm

In collaboration with Conflict Textiles and Fundació Ateneu Sant Roc group, Catalonia, as part of Refugee Week 2023 (19-25 June)



*Mujeres Disruptivas Collective arpillera, 2023
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On April 27th, arpillera artists Pilar López and Manoli Garcia Conzalez, from Fundació Ateneu Sant Roc group, Catalonia, facilitated a workshop in Void as part of their wider visit to Northern Ireland in association with the Mujeres Disruptivas exhibition to share their expertise in arpilleras.

Local Derry attendees were joined by participants who journeyed from London, Dublin and Donegal. The workshop brief was to make an arpillera doll themed on the 'Mujeres Disruptivas'

exhibition which would contribute to a collective arpillera to show solidarity with refugees who have had their lives disrupted. It started with a short walk to the Tower Museum, led by Conflict Textiles curator Roberta Bacic, to view the exhibits displayed as part of *Mujeres Disruptivas / Disruptive Women: Exhibition trail*.

Once back in the workshop space, under the guidance of Pilar and Manoli - and with translation provided by Roberta - participants created arpillera dolls from scraps of material. There was conversation, concentration and space to reflect as the dolls themed on disruption took shape. Conflict Textiles Fabric Artist Deborah Stockdale, who also took part in the workshop, stitched the completed dolls on a hessian backing.



Image from the workshop on April 27th at Void Gallery.

To mark Refugee Week 2023 (19-25 June), we will be unveiling the final artwork, [Mujeres Disruptivas collective arpillera](#), to the public on Tuesday 20th June at 2pm in Void's Education Space. A number of pieces from the Conflict Textiles collection will also be exhibited as part of this event. This is a free event and everyone is welcome but we ask that you RSVP - [Booking information](#)

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Mujeres Disruptivas which is currently on display in three locations: Ulster Museum Belfast; Ulster University Magee Campus Library, Derry; and Flowerfield Arts Centre, Portstewart, introduces us to women who have pushed the boundaries and challenged human rights abuses. It is a collaborative initiative between Conflict Textiles and Fundació Ateneu Sant Roc, Catalonia.

- For further information on Void Gallery, please contact: Zoe McSparron, Interim Head of Public Programmes, Void Gallery, 10 Waterloo Place, Derry-Londonderry, BT48 6BU, learning@derryvoid.com, or by phone on 028 7130 8080.

Void Gallery:

- Void Gallery is a contemporary art space located in Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland. With up to 5 exhibitions per year showing the work of established national and international artists, Void has created an international reputation for its wide-ranging and challenging exhibition programme. A key element of the gallery is Void Engage, our learning and outreach programme, which places participation and engagement at the heart of Void, making contemporary visual art accessible to visitors of all ages.
- Void Gallery is open Tuesday - Saturday, 11am - 5pm. Admission is free.
- Void Gallery is supported using public funding from Arts Council Northern Ireland, All Island Fund, Austin and Hope Pilkington Foundation, Arnold Clarke Foundation, Bank of Ireland Begin Together Arts Fund, Community Foundation Ireland, Derry City and Strabane District Council, Enkalon Foundation, National Lottery Community Fund, The Ireland Funds, Ragdoll Foundation.
- Void Gallery is a member of the PlusTate network.

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