

Exhibition launch

Conflict Textiles / Ulster University, Belfast - The search for the disappeared

5.30pm, 23rd November | Belfast Campus Library, Building BC, Ulster University

Photo gallery

The exhibition was launched at 5.30pm on 23rd November, by the Colombian Ambassador to the UK, HE Roy Barreras. The launch took place after the workshop [Stitching our Stories: Displacement, Healing, New Possibilities](#) and was part of a broader evening programme connected to his visit to Belfast.

As part of this event, a donation of two arpilleras from "Conflict Textiles collection" to "Mujeres tejiendo sueños y sabores de paz, Mampuján" was signed by the Ambassador.

Viewing the arpilleras created in the 'Stitching our Stories' workshop



Conflict Textiles curator Roberta Bacic, (back left) in discussion with Colombian Ambassador to the UK, HE Roy Barreras. Both outcome pieces from the workshop are displayed flat. Vice-Chancellor, Ulster University, Paul Bartholomew (front right) observes proceedings. (Photo: Breege Doherty)

Donation of two arpilleras from 'Conflict Textiles collection' to 'Mujeres tejiendo sueños y sabores de paz, Mampuján'

1. [Olla Común 2 / Soup Kitchen 2](#), (2011), by Chilean arpillerista Aurora Ortiz
2. [Waiting for Food](#), (2016), by Martha Moyo, Zimbabwe



Conflict Textiles curator Roberta Bacic and Colombian Ambassador to the UK, HE Roy Barreras, with the arpillera [Olla Común 2 / Soup Kitchen 2](#), (2011). (Photo: Gillian Robinson)



The Ambassador and Roberta Bacic display [Waiting for Food](#). Juana, Mujeres tejiendo sueños y sabores de paz, Mampuján and Professor Emeritus Ulster University Gillian Robinson with [Olla Común 2 / Soup Kitchen 2](#). Juliana (Juana's colleague) and Professor Duncan Morrow, Director of Community Engagement, Ulster University, listen attentively as Roberta gives an insight into the arpilleras. (Photo: Breege Doherty)



Conflict Textiles curator Roberta Bacic, with Juana and Juliana, who presented her with the arpillera she is holding. (Photo: Breege Doherty)



Conflict Textiles Trustees (L-R): Professor Emeritus UU, Gillian Robinson; Dr. Lauren Dempster, School of Law, QUB and Roberta Bacic, Conflict Textiles curator. (Photo: Breege Doherty)

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Colombian Ambassador to the UK HE Roy Barreras (centre) officially launches the exhibition. On his right: Vice-Chancellor, Ulster University, Paul Bartholomew; Jeanie Parris, Belfast Campus Library, UU; and Conflict Textiles curator, Roberta Bacic. To his left: Juana & Juliana, Mujeres tejiendo sueños y sabores de paz, Mampuján / Museo de Arte y Memoria de Mampujan; and Breege Doherty, Conflict Textiles. (Photo: Gillian Robinson)

Photo gallery: compiled by Breege Doherty, 5th January 2024