

Sure and Steadfast

Northern Ireland arpillera, Lorna Gough, 2026

Conflict Textiles collection

This textile/mixed medium arpillera finds the quiet voice of the prolific English lecturer John Springhall who worked as a lecturer in Youth Culture, Colonisation and Decolonisation at U.U in Coleraine from 1970-2004; writing 6 books in total during his years of extensive research.

It was specially commissioned by Conflict Textiles and will be unveiled on Poetry Day, 1st October 2026, together with the reading of a poem by poet Niamh McNally.

Textile and text emerged from diving into John's legacy placed in the Special Collections and Rare Books: Other small collections, Ulster University, Coleraine library.

