



## 'Cultures from the heart'

Quilt made up of arpilleras

2.70 X 1.80 mts



Made by The Women's Centre, Multi –Cultural Group.

Participants:

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'Cultures from the heart' was crafted by the hands of the multi-cultural group in the Women's Centre, Derry between December 2008 and February 2009 and was inspired by The Art of Survival exhibition of Irish and International quilts 2008.

This diverse group of women represent six countries from around the world. Each woman has used their patch to express her own unique idea of her identity and culture. The medium of thread and textile gives us an insight into their customs and traditions of their own regions within their home countries and also here in Ireland.

Since it was finished in March 2009 it has been on display at the Tower Museum, Derry, Flowerfield Arts Centre, Coleraine, and at the Women's Centre itself where it resides.

This quilt on display at the Verbal Arts Centre from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September until Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October is part of a continuous series of quilt exhibits curated by Roberta Bacic in Derry, which started March 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 and lead up to International Women's Day 2009 and beyond.

