



## “Shared Visions” 36 inspirational patches



Quaker House Belfast expresses the work on display as:

“Love will go away if we can’t communicate and share meaning” (David Bohm)

Our “Shared Visions” Quilt is a symbol of love through communication. The intricacies of the handcrafting by 32 women from diverse communities within the Northern Irish context demonstrates a tentative coming together to express a vision for a new inclusive Northern Ireland society.

It has been said;  
“Listen till ye hear”

As you stand before this Quilt today let me suggest to you that  
“You look till ye see”

Herein lies the visions. The hopes and dreams of 32 women from across the sectarian divide in our communities.

Those from the Loyalist, Nationalist, Republican and Unionist communities in our society have come together to stitch, and at times unstitch, this piece together. They have created a symbol to peace-weaving.

Our Women shared spaces together, meals together and conversations as each one explored their own vision for a shared future.'

The women’s groups involved in making the quilt are all from Belfast. They are: Ardmonagh Family Centre, Beechfield Parent Partnership, Women’s Group Woodstock Alternatives & Women United Clifton Park Avenue, coordinated by Sonia Copeland.

This quilt on display at the Verbal Arts Centre, from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 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.



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