

***A Quilt for the World* by Women of One World**

Patchwork, knitted, crocheted, painted and embroidered Quilt currently on display at the Verbal Arts Centre*.

This 2,80 x 3.30 cm multinational quilt was designed and created by a group of women from 35 countries who met in Nuremberg/Germany in 1995 to exchange ideas, discuss important issues and express solidarity. It is an example of a commemorative piece

A group of them made this quilt, in their words, “to present to all women in this one world a quilt with our many views, our many experiences and many concerns”. It is full of symbolic pictures, the first one of hands reflecting solidarity, friendship and caring – hands that know hard work and how to share.

Among the other symbols is the volcano, whose eruption and power stands for the explosion of women’s ideas and struggles for their rights. The sun symbolises its life giving power: it gives warmth to everyone and discriminates against no one.

The dedication by the makers says: “We extend our hands to our sisters across the globe. Together we can fight for a social order free from all forms of exploitation and oppression, a world where there is solidarity, freedom, dignity and equality for all.”

A Quilt for the World was part of "**The Art Of Survival: International and Irish Quilts**" a major exhibition comprising 71 pieces shown between March 8th and April 19th 2008 to mark International Women's Day and the tenth anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. It was hanging at the Tower Museum as part of a trail of quilts around the city, under the auspices of Derry City Council Heritage & Museum Service. Partner organisations were - The Junction, Verbal Arts Centre, Void Gallery, Diocesan Centre, The Playhouse and The Museum of Free Derry. Guest Curator to this whole exhibition is **Roberta Bacic**, Chilean, living in Ireland.

It is one piece of “The Art of Survival, Fabric Images of Women’s Daily Lives” An International Exhibition of Frauen in Einen Welt (Women in One World) permanently housed in The Regional and International Museum of Women’s Culture in Germany.

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