

Our Stories Make History

“Arpilleras: Les nostres històries fan història”, is an innovative educational experience developed in a public school called Escola Sant Pau. It is located in a small town near Barcelona (Catalonia), named Sant Pol de Mar. At present the school comprises of 35 teachers and around 500 students.



The idea started in 2009 as an artistic activity for children aged between 10 and 12. It was inspired by an arpilleras exhibition at the Centre for Equality of Women and Men, **Barcelona**, Spain. We then realized the huge pedagogic potential of the experience, which goes way beyond the artistic activity. It has turned into a complete educational project in our school.



This interdisciplinary project is allowing us to work on major educational areas and moral values such as Peace and Environmental respect. The project has kept going in our school for four years and we are sharing our experience with other schools and institutions. We have sewn already 150 arpilleras.

<http://blocs.xtec.cat/arpillerasantpau>

“With a needle I can express as many things or more than with a pencil.” Pupil, age 11.

AJUNTAMENT DE SANT POL
Montse Garrido Romera - Mayor
ESCOLA SANT PAU
Neus Bartrolí Pascual - Project Coordinator
Carmen Pérez - Teacher



This exhibition will be on display from 30th November 2012 until 30th March 2013. It is part of a continuous series of arpilleras and quilt exhibitions in the Verbal Arts Centre curated by Roberta Bacic, which started on the 8th March 2008 and led up to International Women’s Day 2009 and beyond.

<http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/quilts/exhibit/vacquilts.html>