

You're invited to attend the first international Arpillera and Story Cloth conference

Sew to Speak: Narrative Textiles in Human Rights and Healing Practices

This meeting will bring together women from different parts of the world who are innovators in the contemporary application of an ancient art form: tapestries that tell an 'unspeakable' narrative. Across many cultures, women who have been oppressed and abused have come together to create textiles for self-expression, political resistance, mutual support, and healing.

September 12—14, 2014

Webster University, Geneva, Switzerland

Schedule:

Friday, September 12, 9am-5pm Workshops, Presentations

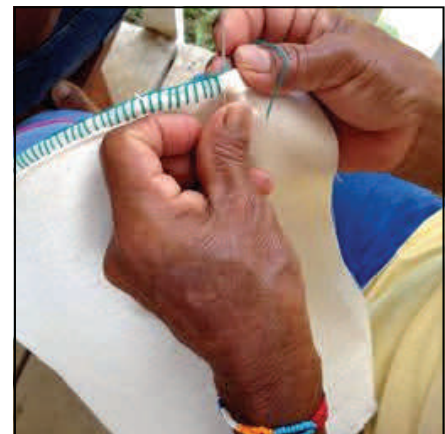
Saturday, Sept. 13, 8am-5:30pm Workshops, Focus Groups, Presentations, Networking and Films

Sunday, September 14, 9am-5pm Open Studio, Facilitated Discussion, Evaluation

This meeting will foster international collaboration across disciplines to further the work of narrative textiles for human rights, healing of trauma, and empowering women. The sessions will blend practice with theory, and give opportunities for each participant to share her work and wisdom. This conference will focus on developing insights and connections, yielding new collaborations, clarity of purpose, and a worldwide network of women who will continue their healing and empowering work within their communities.



Taller de Arpilleras, Collection of Oshima Hakko Museum, Japan
Photo by Martin Melaugh



Outcome vision:

- ◆ **Establish** global network for ongoing collegial exchange
- ◆ **Develop** collaborations across disciplines
- ◆ **Increase** the sense of shared purpose across cultures
- ◆ **Enrich** projects of each participant whose work will be influenced by exposure to textiles from other cultures and perspectives
- ◆ **Inspire** innovation in future textile/healing/advocacy projects

Conference will be in English and Spanish.