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## **Textile Installation and Talk on Afghanistan**

in the context of

### **The Human Cost of War Exhibition**

As part of the exhibition *The Human Cost of War*, The Verbal Arts Centre is hosting an installation on Afghanistan, in association with Derry City Council Heritage and Museum Service, curated by Roberta Bacic.

The central feature of the exhibition uses textiles made by women from Afghanistan and incorporated in a piece by class 6c from the Hauptschule Kiderlinstraße, Germany completed under the guidance of Heidi Drahota.

The Verbal Arts Centre has invited **Hashim Alavi, Outreach and Advocacy Officer from Afghan Action in London** to give his analysis of the nature and cause of the conflict in Afghanistan to pupils aged between 16-18 years. He will speak about why the conflict actually started, its root causes and why it is still ongoing despite over 40 countries involved in military and civilian support in that country.

He will also reflect on how events affect the lives of the ordinary people of Afghanistan, in particular the women and children. The talk will also address the need to have a single voice on the part of the international community and focus on what Hashim believes is the most significant issue, i.e. "transforming the conflict, rather than addressing the less urgent issue of modernizing the country and the customs that have existed before the recent conflict started".

**Talks will be of one hour duration and are scheduled on the following dates and times: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am and 1.30pm.**

**The Verbal Arts Centre would like to extend an invitation to pupils from your school to attend this FREE event. Please contact Bernie Kilroy on 028 71266946 or email [bernie.kilroy@verbalartscentre.co.uk](mailto:bernie.kilroy@verbalartscentre.co.uk) to book as soon as possible as places are limited.**

