

# Enduring Life: Arpillera Voices

11th May - 15th July 2016



Together in Adversity  
*Anon. Chile 1983*

**Alley Theatre: Arts & Conference Centre**

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## Conflict Textiles

Conflict Textiles is a collection of over 300 international textiles, which includes arpilleras, quilts and wall hangings. It has been developed by Chilean curator and human rights advocate Roberta Bacic, now resident in Northern Ireland. Currently the collection is being transferred to Derry City and Strabane District Council's Museum Service on a phased basis. The Collection is all about expressing life, resistance, continued struggle and justice by means of textiles. These textiles can be considered as a non-violent protest against injustices, mostly made by women who want to express themselves in ways other than words.

## What is an Arpillera?

An arpillera (pronounced ar-pee-air-ah) is a three-dimensional appliquéd textile that originated in Chile in the late 1960s. These became the medium for women, generally working collectively, to denounce the human rights abuses and repression of the Pinochet dictatorship in Chile, 1973-1990.

The art of making arpilleras initially spread to women's groups in Peru and across Latin America and subsequently to different parts of the world including Zimbabwe, New Zealand and Northern Ireland.

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(1) **Overdue, Overdrawn, Over-extended:**  
Rural Poverty in Ireland

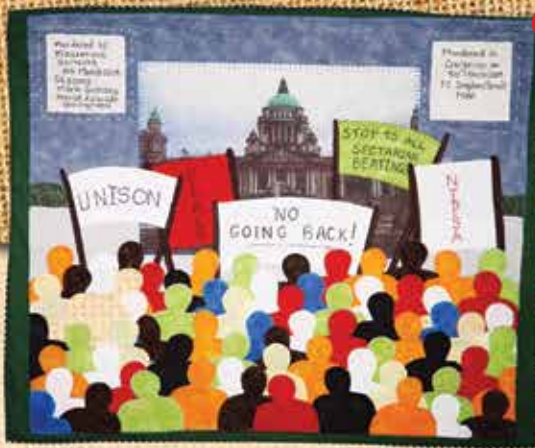
*Deborah Stockdale Republic of Ireland 2009*

(2) **Puno Folk Dance**  
Anon.

*Peru 1980*

(3) **No Going Back**  
Sonia Copeland,

*Northern Ireland 2009*



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## Tower Museum

Since 2008 Derry City & Strabane District Council's Museum Service has been working in partnership with Roberta to deliver a range of exhibitions and associated events; all of which focus on the impact of conflict and raising awareness of the abuse of human rights.

In 2015 Roberta began the process of donating her highly significant collection to Derry City and Strabane District Council. You can find a rotating exhibition from this collection in the permanent 'Story of Derry' gallery at the Tower Museum, as well as the Verbal Arts Centre and the Guildhall.



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(4) Return

*Mujeres tejiendo sueños y sabores de paz,  
Mampuján Colombia 2013*

(5) Demonstration Against Torture

*Violeta Morales,  
Chile 1988*

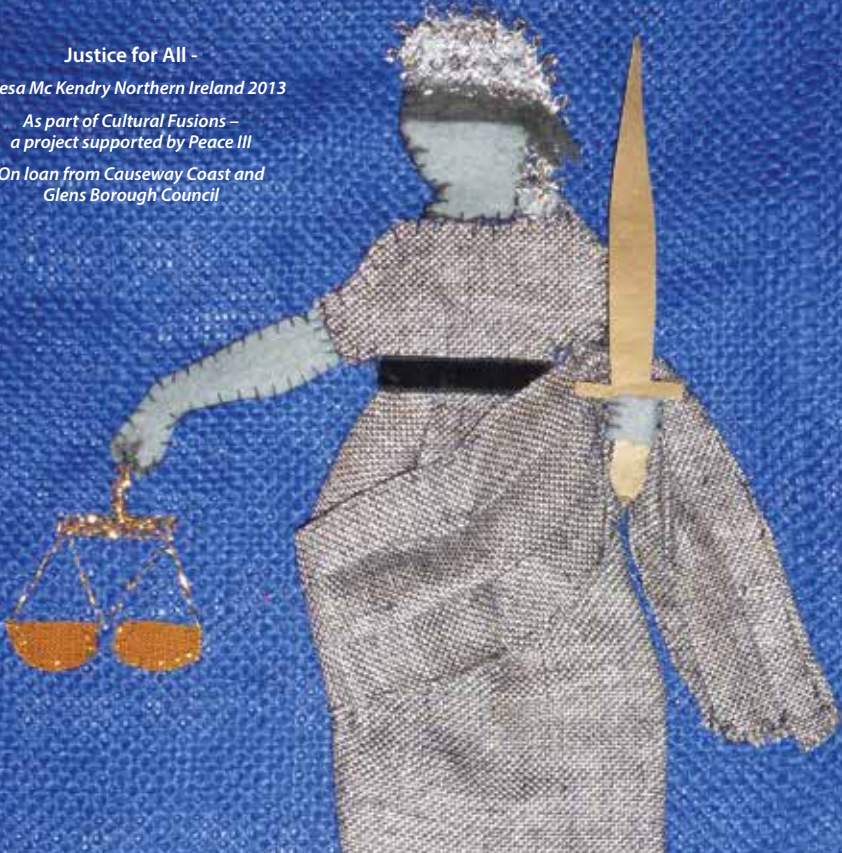
# Justice

Justice for All -

Teresa Mc Kendry Northern Ireland 2013

As part of Cultural Fusions –  
a project supported by Peace III

On loan from Causeway Coast and  
Glens Borough Council



## OPENING HOURS

Monday - Saturday:  
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**FREE ADMISSION**

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