



End curatorial report of Arpilleras viajeras: Chilenas y de otras latitudes / Wandering Arpilleras: from Chile and beyond

As the curator of the present exhibition would want to highlight the relevance of having worked as a team in preparation to the exhibit, leading to, on setting up, during the time it was on at the Embassy's headquarters and the Instituto Cervantes, as well as in the process of bringing down, closing and delivering the arpilleras on display.

This in itself has been an achievement as it included different stakeholders: Embassy's public servants and staff, volunteers, curator's team, Instituto Cervantes, Galway University - NUI Galway, and over the years' arpillera followers.

I will refer at this stage to events that took place at the opening and its associated activities.

Nico Ferguson will write with reference to activities that took place while the exhibition was on display at the Instituto Cervantes.

Wednesday 16th November from 6PM took place the launch at the Chilean Embassy. It was an extremely well attended event with presence from diplomatic personnel from different embassies in Dublin, public servants of the Irish Government, members of the Chilean community living in Ireland, arpilleristas from Rathlin and a Chilean one, as well as visitors coming specially for the occasion from as far as Leeds, England.



Ambassador Cristián Streeter and curator opening the exhibition.
Photo Miren Maialen



A visitor engrossed in observing a Chilean arpillera at the opening
Photo Miren Maialen

The visit book has many powerful comments written on the day of the opening and beyond, here a few of the ones in English:

“Inspiring and moving, thanks for bringing them to Dublin”.

“A powerful and inspiring exhibition. Thank you!”

“Thanks to all, an amazing exhibition”

Thursday 17th guided tour by the curator to visiting Human Rights experts from Chile from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Thursday 17 public lecture by the curator at NUI Galway. The activities were organized by Dr Lorna Shaughnessy from the Spanish School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, followed by

18th November seminar with post graduate students at the Human Rights Center organized by Dr. Anita Ferrara who has just published in 2016 the book “Assessing the Long-term Impact of Truth Commissions. *The Chilean truth and reconciliation commission in historical perspective*.”

Spanish at NUI Galway, the Embassy of Chile in Ireland and Gender ARC invite you to a public lecture.

Arpilleras: Textile Language of Testimony, Resistance and Memory.



Hardship in our community / Chilean arpillera 1979
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Date Thursday 17th November 2016
Time 6pm – 8pm
Venue The Hardiman Research Building, G010

Tea and coffee from 5.30pm - all are welcome

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