

## **Reflection on Loss—From Darkness to Light**

Northern Ireland quilt by WAVE trauma centre participants

Photograph: Colin Peck

This quilt was designed and produced by female members of Wave Trauma Centre in Belfast who have lost either a husband or a child as a direct result of thirty years of conflict in Northern Ireland. The theme of the quilt relates to the members' personal journeys of grief and despair; from the darkness of bereavement and loss to the light of hope for the future. This journey is depicted symbolically in the quilt.

The piece takes the form of an embroidered tie dyed quilt using appliqué and featuring a lighthouse. The lighthouse represents guidance and protection through dangerous and troubled waters, and has been adopted by WAVE as its logo. A church and graveyard are also portrayed as integral to their journey.

Courtesy of the artists

### **Source:**

Accounts of the Conflict (*archive*)

Bacic, Roberta. (*individual compiler*)

Conflict Textiles (*collection*)

<http://accounts.ulster.ac.uk/repo/collections/show/153>