

## **The Bill of Rights**

Northern Ireland quilt, by **Caw/Nelson Drive, Tullyalley Women's Centre & Galliagh Women's Group**, 2010

Photograph: Martin Melaugh

This piece was completed for the ***Women Building Bridges*** art exhibition and programme celebrating International Women's day in Derry/Londonderry, 2010. In this quilt, women emerging from The Troubles, demand equality and progress on several issues. Stark messages such as "No to all violence", "Education no boundaries", "Rights of the child to be safe" and "Equality", complement equally strong symbols.

The women from the three groups, the majority of them new to textile work, discussed during a residential which issues to depict in their quilt. On their return, they visited each other's centres to continue the work. This, according to Rosemary Doherty of the Galliagh Women's group, was a very valuable part of the process: "*For some women this was their first time in each other's centres ...it opened us up to other cultures and led to great friendships*". This quilt is now on permanent display in the office of the [Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission](#), having been presented in 2011 to the Chief Commissioner.

Courtesy of Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission.

### **Source:**

Accounts of the Conflict (*archive*)

Bacic, Roberta. (*individual compiler*)

Conflict Textiles (*collection*)

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