



Community Project Case Study

Community Quilters

Where? Quilt Museum and Gallery

When? Monthly

Who with? Various Adult Community users

Total Number of Participants: 187
(54 - 2009, 82- 2010, 51 -2011 to June)



In June 2009, the 'Unfolding the Quilts' project team began offering a long-term project called 'Community Quilters'. Sessions took place on the last Tuesday of every month, offering community users who were over 16, free access to the Museum's Education Room, equipment and advice from volunteer session facilitators with expert knowledge in quilting, patchwork and other needlecrafts.

The sessions were designed to attract both experienced quilters looking for a sociable afternoon with like-minded people, as well as local residents interested in textile crafts but with relatively little experience. Participants could choose to continue with their own project in a friendly and undaunting environment or make their own mini patchwork project developed and delivered by experienced Museum volunteer and Quilters' Guild representative, Glenda Smith.



The Education Officer also offered community project participants from other projects the opportunity to attend the sessions, allowing them access to specialist equipment for their own project work. Where appropriate, community quilters were also given access to the Museum's current exhibition or handling collection to enhance their learning journey.