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NEWSLETTER

One of the great things about quilting is that it involves a fantastic community spirit. The Young Hearts participants are thoroughly enjoying taking part in this old tradition. Croí na Gaillimhe makes it very easy for everyone to come together to share their skills and work collaboratively. We are so lucky to have Marcella from Mill Street Quilters helping us find inspiration, teaching us new skills and guiding us in our Galway 2020 Small Towns Big Ideas project.

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The Young Hearts participants have varying skill levels and instruction is customized to each participant's skill level.

This week the participants were busy selecting their fabrics, using different threads and working on their patterns. Regardless of previous skill, all participants are finding success with this project.

Even though the planets are sewn in the same way, each piece is unique due to the fabric selection and the pattern chosen!



YOUNG HEARTS PROJECT



MILL STREET QUILTERS



QUILTING AS AN ART FORM, THERAPY & SOCIAL GLUE

Our workshop began with Marcella showing us examples of some quilt designs and construction.



We spoke about different designs for our planets and visualised what they might look like.



Next, we organised ourselves into our groups and began working on our planets.



Lenny, Mary, Josephine and Geraldine get straight into designing their planets.



Christina and Atom decided to cut contrasting shapes into their designs under the watchful eye of their supervisor Maura!

After our delicious break, we received an array of different fabrics to use. This helped us create some interesting designs with a colour palette/fabric combo that we really wanted to play with.

These fabrics were a mix of recycled clothes plus a few other pieces thrown in for good measure.



As part of our project, we are also quilting a chair. Each week different groups will add to the masterpiece.



Atom in particular has shown great ability and skill in her sewing!



Marcella told us that a quilter's weight cotton fabric was the best fabric for quilting. While it does have shrinkage, it typically shrinks less than cheaper cotton fabrics.



"I like EVERYTHING about the quilting module"- Nicole. Our instruction from Marcella has been invaluable and we are really looking forward to the finished project!

