

Dealing with the Past (3)

Retorno de los exiliados / Return of the exiles



Chilean arpillera, Victoria Díaz Caro, 1992

Photo Martin Melaugh

This arpillera shows a joyful reunion of family members who were forced into exile during the Pinochet dictatorship. In Chile. It was made immediately after the regime ended. Most of the exiles had been taken in by Sweden, Argentina, Canada, France and Germany. Making it possible to return after exile is an emotional and relevant part of dealing with the past, be that Chile, Northern Ireland or any other country in the world.

Article 14 of the International Declaration of Human rights says "Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution"