

Memories in textile

Invitation to participate in a project of the German Textile Museum (DTM) of Krefeld and the Integration department of Krefeld

What we are looking for: memories, stories, traditions and handicrafts

What it is about: The German Textile Museum (DTM) and the department of Integration are partners of the European cooperation project "The fabric of my life" (in short: FABRIC) together with colleagues in Copenhagen and Athens (see www.ctr.hum.dk).

We are dealing with the understanding between people of different origins about their clothing that works a like a language.

Each of us conveys information about ourselves to our counterpart by choosing our clothing. The choice of the colours shows our mood; the cut and the combination of each garment indicates how progressive, modern, creative or unconventional we are; what opinion we represent and what traditions we maintain.

Our project serves the purpose of being able to read and understand these dress codes and so, through this procedure to get to know each other better, to clear up any misunderstandings and to draw more attention on one another. That's why we need your support.

What to do: do you remember special occasions from your past ?

For example :

- the centre of your ancestral life
- an event in your family
- a travel
- a special festival
- a meal
- a great love
- a wonderful dream
- a beloved poem
- traditional handicrafts techniques
- traditional costumes
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Work from home – each for yourself or with your own family but unfortunately currently not together in community – with your memories of a textile object such as a piece of clothing (blouse, dress,...), a wall hanging, a pillow case or a carpet.

You are completely free to choose the material and the technique. Embroider, knit, crochet, sew, tie or glue. Use what is available to you and send us photos of what you have created and tell us the story of your artwork.



FABRIC Englisch

If you need material, you can contact the German Textile Museum (DTM) and there you will find fabric remnants, embroidery thread and wool.

What happens to the objects: The project “The fabric of my life” enables an exhibition at the German Textile Museum in Krefeld to be created. There, your work will be presented together with the results of other projects, such as a photo series of people in their traditional clothing or fashion design, combined with objects from the museum's collection.

Who can participate: anyone who is in the mood for it

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