

Local Wellington artist and loom weaver Genevieve Rae looks to address our textile waste issue, one tapestry at a time!

Join Genevieve this December, as they share their public arts activation, *Micro Mill*. Offering free loom and spinning opportunities using waste textiles, as a way to educate and discuss our problem with textile waste.



Genevieve Rae demonstrates loom weaving.

Micro Mill is a community activation that will be shared with the public from Wednesday Dec 6th to Thursday Dec 21st, in the show apartment space, cnr Victoria and Dixon Sts. With thanks to Willis Bond (for the space) and with kind support from Urban Dream Brokerage and Wellington City Council (for the overall project). Open from 11am to 7pm most days, the project will invite people to take part in using a loom, weaving found waste textiles to create a community tapestry. Alongside this, artist and weaver, Genevieve Rae, will be using the opportunity to discuss problems with waste textiles with the public.

Bringing together a community of five other weavers, Genevieve's aim is to engage the public in loom practice and spinning processes, helping us grasp the realities of our textiles. Through the corresponding korero they also hope to increase people's knowledge and depth of understanding about how woven textiles are produced and the physical labour that goes into making them. .

Many of us take textiles for granted as we live in a place where they are so accessible, cheap and fast, so removed from how they are produced, and disposed of.

Alongside the weaving loom, Micro Mill will also feature a yarn spinning wheel as well as providing smaller weaving frames, providing plenty for the public to engage with. The site will

also feature the opportunity for the public to interact with the loom workers and share their thoughts about textile waste.

Any public interested in communally learning to use the loom, or to join in with prior knowledge, will be encouraged to do so.

<u>UDB Website</u> + <u>Genevieves/Micro Mill instagram</u>



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