

# HOW TO CREATE YOUR TEXTILE GIFT



**Deadline for receiving textile pieces:  
30th August 2024**

## YOU NEED:

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- A piece of scrap material 12cm x 10.5cm (if it frays easily you can use a slightly bigger piece and hem it.)
- Scrap material, lace, ribbons, buttons, coloured thread, scrap coloured paper, anything else small that you can stick or sew on to your piece.

## HOW:

- Once you have your piece of material you can add anything on to it that you like as long as it is not sharp and won't stick out too much (buttons are fine). You can sew or glue things to the material.
- You might want to include a word – either compassion, integrity or respect.

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### ADDING A MESSAGE:

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- If you would like you can add a message or quote (maximum 12 words) calling for compassion, integrity and respect in politics. The message should be general and not about a specific situation or topic.
- E.g. ‘Put truth first’; ‘Everyone has the right to be heard.’; ‘Love is the greatest force in the universe – Martin Luther King’; ‘Compassion directed to oneself is humility – Simone Weil’ Your message can be in any official EU language.
- Send the message on a single piece of paper with your textile piece – we will translate and format it so that it can be attached to your piece and sent with the postcard.
- We will attach your piece to a postcard, probably with a paper clip so the piece should be flat, i.e. not padded.

### SPREADING THE WORD:

- You can post a picture of your creation or, even better, a picture of yourself with creation, on social media. Please use the hashtag #CompassionIntegrityRespect and tag QCEA account (X (Twitter): @QCEA; LinkedIn: @Quaker Council for European Affairs); Facebook: @Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA).
- If you don't want to use social media but you would be happy to have a picture of yourself with your creation on our website you can send a photo to Dovile Bogusyte, QCEA's Communications Officer, [dovile.bogusyte@qcea.org](mailto:dovile.bogusyte@qcea.org)
- We will take a photo of all the textile pieces as they arrive and may use them on our website or social media – no names attached.

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### WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY TEXTILE PIECE?

- You can send the textile piece and the message to Quaker House Brussels (Square Ambiorix 50, 1000, Brussels, Belgium). Please also add your email address in case we need to reach out you. When it arrives we will photograph it and store it with your message.
- Once MEPs have been elected, we will match your piece with an MEP. If you have attached a message in a language other than English, we will try and match to an MEP who speaks that language. Otherwise, where possible, we will translate your message into the language of the MEP who will be receiving it.
- As our capacity is limited, we won't be able to let you know which MEP will receive your piece.
- In September we will deliver the postcards with the textile pieces to MEPs through their European Parliament postbox. We may deliver to some MEPs in person in which case we may be in touch with you if your textile piece will be delivered in this way so we can say a bit more about you and your motivations for making the piece.
- Some textile pieces will be kept aside to be posted to the new EU Commissioners when they are appointed.