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## Oldhamers asked to sew patches of positivity

Individuals and groups across Oldham are invited to join a community project to create a patchwork quilt representing 'Togetherness'.

**Stitch** is a creative community project from Oldham Coliseum Theatre in partnership with Women's Chai Project, Housing 21, Jigsaw Homes and Pakistani Community Centre.

Whilst people are currently separated by the pandemic and the lockdown, the theatre and its partners are asking Oldhamers to applique / embroider a patch of fabric responding to the theme 'Togetherness'. Patches created individually will be joined together into a patchwork quilt by the Coliseum's professional Wardrobe team. The quilt containing the collective creative responses from across Oldham will be shared at the theatre when people are able to come together again and the theatre reopens.

### **Patches of positivity inspired by the theme 'Togetherness'**

What has given you hope during this crisis?

Who or what has made you feel connected even when apart from other people?

What does it mean to feel together?

A guide pack with simple step-by step instructions in Urdu and English is available to download from the Coliseum website. Patches should be 20inches (45cm) squared in total, with an inner border of 1inch (2.5cm).

The theatre welcomes any form of response: needlework, poetry, photography, drawing or a pieces of writing, in any colours and materials. If the response is not sewn the theatre will devise a creative way to display it.

All participants are invited to share their works-in-progress on Social Media: [@OldhamColiseum on Twitter](#) or [@oldhamcoliseumtheatre on Facebook](#)

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### **Notes to Editor:**

For further press information, please contact Shelly Ramsdale via email at [shellyramsdale@coliseum.org.uk](mailto:shellyramsdale@coliseum.org.uk) (please note I am currently working from home)

**Oldham Coliseum Theatre** is a cultural and educational charity that works with over 150,000 individuals per year.

The Coliseum has a rich history in Greater Manchester dating back to 1885. It provides a wide variety of distinctive theatre performances and participatory activities for people from all communities in Oldham, Greater Manchester and beyond. It creates original productions each year which are presented at the Coliseum and on tour. Intrinsic to the town's on-going regeneration, the theatre works with its local communities and young people to develop creative programmes to facilitate learning, engagement and community cohesion.

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