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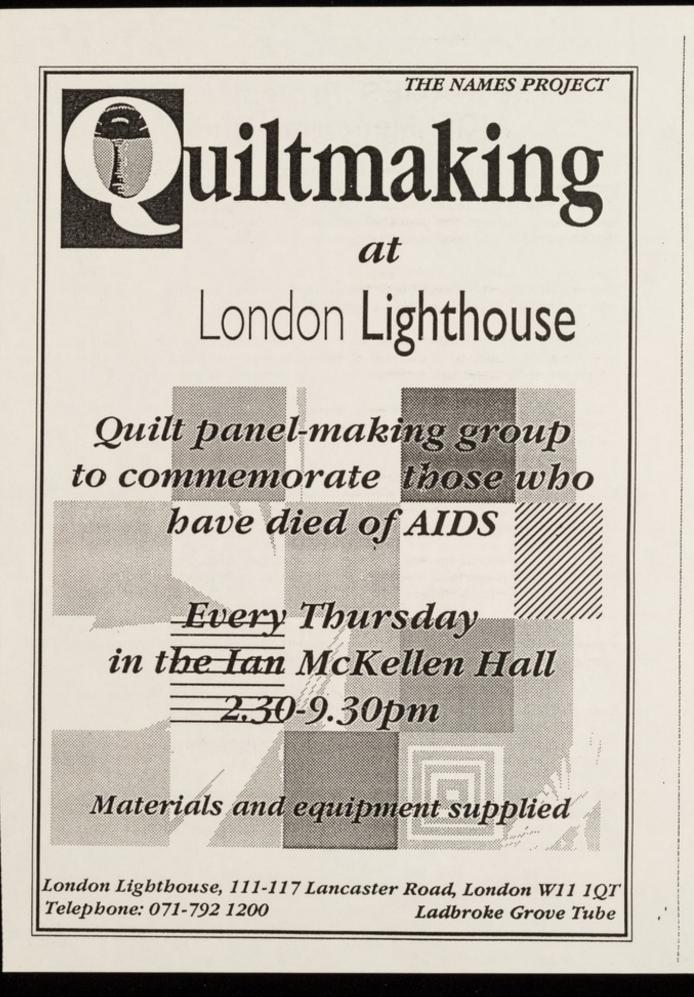
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The NAMES Project (UK) AIDS Memorial Quilt

The NAMES Project started in the United States in Spring 1987 to commemorate the lives, loves, memories and, most important, the bravery of those who have died of AIDS. It is an ever-growing Quilt incorporating more than fourteen thousand individual panels world-wide, each one commemorating someone who has died of AIDS.

Each panel measures 3 x 6 feet (90 x 180cm) and usually carries the person's name and details of their life (work, interests, hobbies, etc.) along with messages of love from the panel's creators.

The panels are made from a vast assortment of materials and decorated in every way imaginable. Some are elaborate with intricate designs, while others are simple and straightforward. all are exclusive works of love.

They are made by lovers, families, friends, neighbours and co-workers. They are made by individuals and groups of people. They are made by people like you.

Making these panels has helped tens of thousands of people to work through their feelings, and on a wider scale the quilt has helped to promote a compassionate response to the issues surrounding AIDS. It is impossible for visitors to see the personal messages on the panels and not be moved.

There are 40 NAMES Project chapters in the U.S.A. and independent AIDS Memorial Quilt projects in nineteen countries. By organising and displaying the Quilt The NAMES Project (UK) strives to:

Illustrate the impact of the AIDS epidemic and the need for an immediate and compassionate response by keeping alive the names and stories behind the statistics.

Provide a positive and creative means of expression for those whose lives have been touched by the epidemic.

Raise vital funds and encourage support for people living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones.

Contributions to The NAMES Project (UK) make it possible to continue to display the Quiit at no cost to visitors. Donations received at Quilt displays around the country support the work of local agencies providing direct services to people with HIV/AIDS.

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