



Karuna Peralta – Textile Designer - Weaver

Karuna was born in Chile and then moved to England where she studied Textile Design at Central St Martin's, London and later at Herriot Watt University, Scotland. She worked as a designer of industrial woven textiles for about 20 years, for European textile mills and also taught as a visiting lecturer at various UK universities before moving to Nelson in 2007 with her family.

Karuna continued her freelance textile design work and in 2014, set up a new studio at Founders Heritage Park in Nelson where she has returned to hand weaving and teaching. Her work focuses on traditional techniques, quality natural materials and vibrant colour combinations. *'I'm inspired by my beautiful surroundings, experiences and research findings. I love the connection that weaving gives me – to an ancient tradition and to this land which supplies the beautiful fibres I can weave into cloth.'*