

## Nesa Gschwend

## **Living Fabrics**

Tamil Nadu India 2017 / 62 Minutes / HD Video / Englisch

Concept / Project Nesa Gschwend Social- workers Chellathan Palani Samy / Umavathi Sankar Thanaraj Radhai / Karthik Bharathi / Elaa Varasi

**And many participants from** Vemparali / Mayagram Senthamangalam / Kadavur / Pattanampatty / Seegapatty Saranthangi / Paraipatti / Madurai / Karaikkudi / Alanganallur

Organisation Vinod Kumar / Küde Meier

## Institutions - Tamil Nadu - India

Cesci Centre for Socio-Cultural Interaction Mayagram Madurai Seed Education centre for under privileged people Lady Doak College Women college Madurai Women centre for Textile education Madurai Centre for young widows Karaikkudi

Music T. K. Sanitha Voice Marianne Weber Camera / Editing Nesa Gschwend

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Georges und Jenny Bloch Stiftung Stiftung Fürstl. Kommerzienrat Guido Feger Cesci Switzerland and Cesci India Living Fabrics together with Social- workers from the CESCI (Centre for Socio- Cultural Interaction Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India) through different villages and slums in Tamil Nadu. More than 500 persons participated in 16 different places in this project. The Video shows this journey and the encounters mostly with women and children.

From January to March 2017 I have travelled with

With needles, scissors, yarns and used clothes on a carpet- object we created meeting points everywhere. Some of the participants brought their used clothes, the small children tried to cut, women showed them different textile skills and they shared also some stories about the used clothes, their villages and families.

Textiles are fundamental for every life and they are full of personal experiences and meanings. There is no person or culture without relationship to textiles.

The participants - the textiles - the exchanges - the places - all this creates **Living Fabrics**.