



Deepa Mann-Kler who will be part of the Best of Killyleagh art exhibition.

Popular Killyleagh artist plans to join Viking festival exhibition

ONE of the most sought-after young artists in Northern Ireland is the latest to confirm her presence at the Best of Killyleagh art exhibition.

Deepa Mann-Kler has previously staged solo exhibitions at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast and the Down Arts Centre, and will be exhibiting in her home town to coincide with the Magnus Barelegs Viking Festival from September 19 to 21.

Deepa paints in a strong and vibrant style, reflecting contemporary issues facing society, and was recently awarded the Daily Mirror/Olympus Young Photographer of the Year Award.

"My cultural background, as an

Indian woman living in Northern Ireland, also heavily influences my work," she said. "I was born in England and after having lived in Denmark, Netherlands, France and then Belgium, moved to Northern Ireland 12 years ago.

"I worked extensively in equality for the past 11 years and took a career break last year, to focus completely on painting."

Later this year Deepa will be staging solo shows at the Safeshouse Gallery in Belfast and Lisburn City Library.

Artists Wendy Cromie and Brian Owens are also participating in the event, which will be staged at Killyleagh Library. Admission is free.