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An exhibition opens this week at the Waterfront Hall looking at multi-culturalism in Northern Ireland.

A Strange Kind Of Peace is the second solo exhibition from Deepa Mann-Kler, who is originally from Nottingham, but now lives in Killyleagh.

A graduate of LSE and the University of Bath, Mann-Kler has taken a year out from her day job, at the Equality Commission, to pursue her love of painting. She became hooked while attending art classes in Brussels, where she



Hug My Soul by Deepa Mann-Kler

worked for the European Parliament.

Her current exhibition reflects her interest in social, cultural and political affairs, and features actor Clive Wedderburn — from the BBC's Asian-network soap, Silver Street — as her subject. As with her previous show, which featured mostly female nudes, her new paintings explore the relationship between race, gender and identity.

The exhibition runs until February 29.

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