



# Knowsley Council

## **'In Focus: Halima Cassell' Exhibition at Kirkby Gallery**

**An exclusive solo exhibition for Kirkby Gallery by one of the UK's most prominent contemporary sculptors.**

*At Kirkby Gallery until 19 April 2014*

*Artist Talk event on Thursday, 20 March 2014*

Knowsley Council is delighted to present this solo exhibition of work by Halima Cassell, as the inaugural exhibition in the new Kirkby Centre.

This is the first time all aspects of the artist's sculptural works and vessels have been on public display together; exploring her development and practice as an international artist, whilst based in the North West.

The exhibition charts her use of design, process and experimentation as an artist over the past 20 years.

Central to this exhibition are a series of specially commissioned works in concrete, celebrating the New Town history of Kirkby and a new aspect of Halima's portfolio. The inspiration behind the carved concrete works have been inspired by Kirkby's architecture and geometry, as seen through photographs from the 60's and 70's, maps and research undertaken. Translating line, forms and space into a contemporary visual language also echoes geometric characteristics as present in the work of William George Mitchell, whose work was also an influence to Halima (re: artwork overlooking Kirkby Library).

Born in 1975 in Pakistan, brought up in Manchester and now living in Blackburn, Lancashire, Halima's varied, multi-cultural background is tangibly present in her work. Fusing her Asian roots with a fascination for African pattern work and a passion for architectural geometry, Halima's work is intense yet playful, structured yet creative; substantial yet dynamic and invariably compelling in its originality.

**To find out more about Halima as an artist, come along to her Artist Talk in the Gallery on Thursday 20 March, 1pm where she will be discussing her work.**

**Whilst this event is free, places are limited and we do require you to book your place. To do this, contact Tina, Susan or Vicky on the contact details below.**

**To find out more about our exhibitions and where to find us go to: <http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/things-to-do/galleries-and-museum.aspx>.**

If you would like more information about this exhibition, contact Tina Ball on 0151 443 5617 or email [Tina.Ball@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:Tina.Ball@knowsley.gov.uk)

### **Where to find us:**

#### **Kirkby Gallery**

The Kirkby Centre, Norwich Way, Kirkby, Knowsley, L32 8XY

Opening Times: Monday to Friday from 9.15am to 5pm and Saturdays from 10am to 1pm

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