

VISIONS FOR NORTHOLT

Art Stops:

Visions for Northolt is collaborating with local artists to implement public realm enhancements through the Northolt Art Stops project. This initiative has empowered locals to drive change and has successfully delivered several art murals throughout the area. Today, you can admire their creative murals across the town. This artwork belongs to Samira Mian.

Artist bio: Samira Mian

'Samira Mian is an artist and educator specialising in Islamic geometric patterns. Samira breathes new life into the centuries-old straight edge and compasses constructions to recreate geometric patterns from the Islamic world in a contemporary style, utilising watercolours, gouache, and metallic paints.

Having lived in Northolt her entire life, Samira has had a long-standing connection with the library; weekly visits to the library during her primary school years, borrowing CDs as a teenager, and reading numerous novels as a commuter. Later, as a maths teacher, she provided tutoring in the library's study area, as well as voting in the library as a polling station.

The artwork created by Samira harmonises with the library, with emerald, sapphire, and ruby colours. It also carries a personal connection to Samira's heritage through the pattern choice, drawing inspiration from the jaali screens and carved stone walls found in Mughal architecture from the Indian Subcontinent. Samira's family is from Lahore, a city that was once a Mughal capital as well. These intricate patterns were typically found in architectural settings, something Samira could only dream of creating herself. So, the opportunity to see these patterns decorating the façade of a cherished contemporary building is a dream come true for her.'

To learn more about Samira Mian, please visit www.samiramian.uk.



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