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# Gallery: Northgate student Bahareh Taleshi represents struggles in Iran through artwork

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Iranian artist Bahareh Taleshi chats with the Mayor of Ipswich Glen Chisholm at the launch of the Suffolk Refugee Week Art Exhibition at Endeavour House

An art student at Northgate High School Sixth Form who was unaware of her talents with a paintbrush has successfully exhibited her work, despite having painted for less than two years.

Bahareh Taleshi, 18, who lives in Ipswich, originally came from Iran but moved to the UK with her parents in 2006.

And when she started at Northgate's Sixth Form, she was encouraged to take art, despite not being aware of her skills.

Bahareh said: "My art skills weren't that great but I went to Northgate and my teacher Mr Beattie found that I had a special art gem."

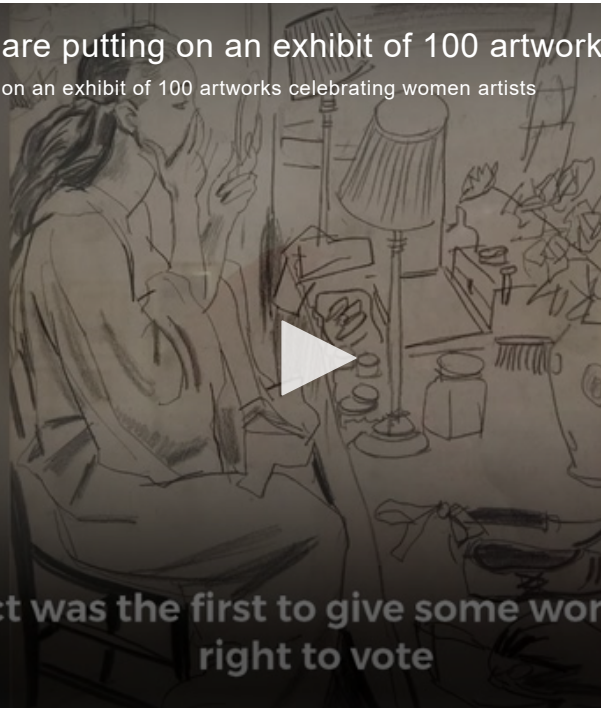
Her work has deeply personal connections, with much of her work representing the struggles in her home country.

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