

## **The Diwan Awards, to express their pride to Belgium**

Since 2013, the annual Diwan Awards ceremony has been showcasing the professional and personal achievements of descendants of Moroccan immigrants in Belgium, in a wide variety of fields: health, business, sport, education, art, engineering... Fatima Abbach and Said El Maliji created these Awards as a big celebration to encourage recognition and fight the clichés that still affect some of their fellow citizens' lives.

The award-winners also provide a reminder that Belgium did not rebuild itself on its own, that the children of immigrants also have minds and hearts, and love giving back to their adopted country in exchange for the chances it gave them to learn, fulfil their potential, thrive... and be useful to it. Lastly, it's a message of hope for the future for many young people who are still feeling unsure. Here, even if your origins lie elsewhere, you can still make your dreams come true.