

## PRESS RELEASE



Democracy and social justice need people and organisations who promote and defend them especially in times of trouble and uncertainties. The 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the SOLIDAR Silver Rose Awards presents a unique evening that highlights achievements and promotes successful initiatives and actions of individuals or organisations who notably contributed to social justice regardless of the political environment.

From the vast number of nominations the Jury, composed of MEPs and representatives of major trade unions and civil society organisations, selected six awardees in several categories.

This year's winners are:

### **BUILDING LEARNING SOCIETIES**

#### **L'Ecole Laïque du chemin des dunes Calais, France**

An improvised school that provided education to minors and adults that were living in the refugee encampment in Calais, also wrongly called "the jungle".

Will be represented by Virginie Tiberghien, teacher at the Ecole Laïque

### **SPECIAL JURY AWARD**

#### **Antoine Deltour**

Mr. Deltour is the whistle blower behind the Lux Leaks who was sentenced to 12 months of jail for disclosing illegal fiscal practices. After different appeals that confirmed his sentence he is now considering to apply to the European Court of Human Rights.

### **TOGETHER FOR SOCIAL EUROPE**

#### **The Soledad Cazorla Prieto Fund, Spain**

The Fund supports the personal development and studies of children who lost their mother as a consequence of domestic and gender violence.

Will be represented by Marisa Soletto Avila, Managing Director of the Soledad Cazorla Prieto Fund

#### **National Union of Workers Producers Co-operatives (NUWPC), Bulgaria**

The NUWPC's mission is to help people with disabilities to take part in the social economy. The model of cooperatives is built on social and democratic values and intends to contribute to the well-being of both society as the lives of their employees.

Will be represented by Stilian Balasopulov, President of NUWPC

### **ORGANISING INTERNATIONAL SOLIDAIRTY**

Trade Union Sintraimaigra, Colombia

Their main goal is to support women domestic workers who battle against discrimination, lack of labour rights and violence at the workplace.

Will be represented by Luz Elena Camacho

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Miguel Angel Martinez Martinez**

Mr. Martinez Martinez is former Member and Vice-President of the European Parliament, former Chair of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and long standing Member of Parliament as a member of the PSOE in Spain.

*'For us, the overall priority is to promote social justice with this prize – in Europe and elsewhere in the world. We consider it to be a very political and progressive award – not meant to honour charity but distinctive political engagement.'* Conny Reuter, SOLIDAR Secretary General

The evening will open at 18.30 with a welcoming moment for socialising, after which the ceremony celebrating the awardees will start, the evening will close with a reception. The programme of the ceremony can be found [here](#).

The Awards are organised with the support of the Group of Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, the Party of European Socialists (PES) and with the media support of EurActiv. This edition is held under the patronage of the European Parliament and has been included in the S&D Group TOGETHER initiative.

[Here you will find the online registration for the Silver Rose Awards and more information on the winners.](#) Please register at the latest by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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