



MUSLIMS IN EUROPE - UNTOLD SUCCESS STORIES

Thursday, 29 September 2016
9.30-12.30
European Parliament
Room ASP A3G-2, Brussels

9.30 Welcome by MEP Afzal KHAN, Special Representative for Muslim Communities

9.40 - 10.40

PANEL 1: Successful European integration stories
Chair: MEP Afzal KHAN

- Special Guest: Amir KHAN, World Boxing Champion and Philanthropist (UK)
- Dr Taoufik BEN ADDI, Urologist surgeon and Coordinator of uro-oncology at the Brussels' Clinique du Parc Leopold, Winner of the *Diwan Awards | Inspiring Young Generations* (Belgium)
- Faten EL-DABBAS, poet and activist (Germany)
- ABDEL EN VRAI, Brussels humorist, stand-up artist, blogger, awarded "*Bruxellois de l'année 2013*" (Belgium)
- Taking stock of Muslim Integration successes in Europe: Malika HAMIDI, Director of the European Muslim Network

10.45 - 11.45

PANEL 2: Refugees and Migrants are Welcome
Chair: MEP Josef WEIDENHOLZER, S&D Group Vice-President

- Leyla AKCA, Clinical director at Maya Vakfi, Project Lift - Human refugee empathy (Turkey)
- Mohammed AL-SAUD, Syrian Refugee in Sweden, founder of the NGO The Young Republic, *Special mention by the Jury for the European citizenship award 2016*
- Ola SALEH, Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation, Sweden
- Yasmine NAHLAWI, The Voice of the Syrian Community of Manchester (UK)

11.45 - 12.30

PANEL 3: Muslims fighting extremism from within
Chair: MEP Tanja FAJON, S&D Group Vice-President

- Farida TAHAR, Molenbeek's City Counsellor
- MOLENGeek - Social entrepreneurs transforming Molenbeek into a source of innovation: Ibrahim OUASSARI and Julie FOULON, co-founders of MOLENGeek

CONCLUDING REMARKS: MEP Afzal KHAN