



SECULARISM AND DIVERSITY IN LEBANON, FINDING A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND BUILDING BRIDGES FOR TOGETHERNESS

A photography contest organized by
AWSA-Be to celebrate diversity
amongst Lebanese women.

A special writing contest for young
people aged between 18 and 25 on
secularism and interculturality.

**PARTICIPATION UNTIL
30/08/2021 at midnight
(Brussels time)**



Opened to
Lebanese living
in Lebanon.

From 18 years
old !



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Why these contests?

AWSA-Be

AWSA-Be is a feminist, secular organisation, independent from any political or religious affiliation. AWSA-Be advocates for equality between women and men and fights against the stereotypes faced by women from the Arab world.

The goals of the organisation are the promotion of the rights and the improvement of the situation of women from the Arab world, whether they reside in their country of origin or in another country, whether they are newcomers or belong to the second or even third generation.

AWSA-Be also aims at building bridges between different cultures to support peace, equality and justice.

"EQUALITY SHOULD BE ABOUT TREATING EVERYONE FAIRLY AND KINDLY, NOT ABOUT FORCING EVERYONE TO BE THE SAME. EQUALITY SHOULD BE ABOUT EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND RESPECTING THE DIFFERENCES OF OTHERS, NOT IGNORING THEM"

- JOUMANA HADDAD

Through this contest, AWSA-Be wants to raise awareness on questions of diversity and secularism in Lebanon, through the prism of human rights, especially women's rights.

How is secularism understood? What is its interest? Why is it important and relevant in the Lebanese society? How can we connect it with the Belgian society?



Modalités



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - FROM 18 YEARS OLD

- Opened to Lebanese living in Lebanon
- Focus on Lebanese women and their diversity
- Title and presentation text in English, French or Arabic
- 1 prize for every participant, 3 main prizes
- 30 photographs will be exposed and disseminated by AWSA-Be

SEND US YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR TEXTS BY EMAIL AT AWSABE@GMAIL.COM BEFORE 30/08/2021 AT MIDNIGHT (BRUSSELS TIME).

WRITING CONTEST - FROM 18 TO 25 YEARS OLD

- Opened to Lebanese living in Lebanon
- Focus on the issues of diversity and secularism
- Free form (essay, slam, poem, short story, etc.)
- 9000 characters maximum, spaces included
- Texts in Arabic, French and English accepted
- 1 prize for all participants, 3 main prizes



CLOSING EVENT ON THE 16/10/2021 AT BRUSSELS CITY HALL

The jury



It is her passion for arts that led Janine Al-Asswad to found Quart de ton, an NGO whose aim is to promote contemporary artistic creation in all its forms as well as to feed reflection and debate. Janine works on the production, promotion and valorization of artistic works. She also organizes meetings between artists and leads educational activities with an emphasis on cultural mediation for all audiences.



Fatima Sharafeddine has been a writer and translator since 2001. She has written and published over 140 books translated into at least 15 languages. She has a background in early childhood education and modern Arabic literature. Fatima has received numerous literary awards and organizes creative writing workshops throughout the Arab world. She is also a member of LBBY, the Lebanese branch of IBBY (an NGO aiming to promote encounters between children and books). More information on her website:

www.fatimasharafeddine.com



Fabienne El-Khoury is a researcher in social epidemiology. She is a Franco-Lebanese feminist activist and co-spokesperson of the French organisation Osez Le Féminisme! She arrived in France in 2011 and completed her PhD in epidemiology at the University of Paris Sud. She then joined Osez Le Féminisme! in 2017 to fight against patriarchal and systemic violence against women and girls. As part of this fight, she is particularly interested in sexism and the intersection of discrimination in the medical field.



Lebanese-Moroccan feminist activist, doctor of law specialized in criminal law, student lawyer in a law firm, Noura Raad is also member of the board of the French Coordination of the European Women's Lobby (CLEF) and co-president of the European Network of Migrant Women. She is committed to the fight against violence against women and girls and for women's access to justice.



Hanane Hajj Ali is a prominent cultural and artistic figure in Lebanon and the Arab world. In addition to her work as an actress, playwright, writer and director since 1978, she is a theater studies teacher. Hanane is also founder and board member of several cultural organizations such as Culture Resource (Al Mawred Athaqafy). She received the Gilder / Coigny Prize awarded by "The League of Professional Theater Women".

MEMBERS OF THE JURY SPEAK FRENCH, ARABIC AND ENGLISH - THE WORK PRESENTED TO THE TWO CONTESTS ARE THEREFORE ACCEPTED IN THE 3 LANGUAGES.

Rules, terms and conditions of the photo contest FROM 18 YEARS OLD

1. Organization of the photo contest

This competition is organized by Arab Women's Solidarity Association – Belgium (AWSA-Be)
The judging of the contest will be conducted by a panel of external experts. The decision of this jury are final.

2. Terms and conditions to participate in the contest

- The contest is opened to all Lebanese living in Lebanon.
- Participation in this contest is free.
- The contestant declares to have read and to respect these rules, terms and conditions. The non-observance of the rules will automatically disqualify the contestant from the competition.
- Photo submissions must be original photos created by the contestant and must not contain any elements that are protected by someone else's copyright or otherwise subjected to third party proprietary rights, including privacy and publicity rights. Indeed, by submitting a photo to the contest, the contestant affirms that he or she has obtained written consent from all individuals whose image or likeness appears in the photo and further affirms that he or she is prepared to provide reliable documentation to that effect upon request.
- Photo Submissions must not contain calls or incitement to violence, racism... Submissions also must not contain content or images that could be considered abusive, inflammatory, denigrating, or disrespectful and must be in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Pictures whose content goes against the Universal Declaration of Human Rights will be directly eliminated, and any other application of the participant(s) will be refused.

3. Topic of the contest : “ Lebanese women, united in diversity”

- With this contest, AWSA-Be wants to **promote the Lebanese women from different places of the country in order to talk about and to show the diversity of Lebanese women** and their different life paths in society. AWSA-Be wants to encourage the contestants to think about Lebanese women, their different backgrounds, the situation they are living and their commitments and needs.
- The selected photos will be used for an exhibition which will aim at promoting the positive and active role of women in Lebanon and to break stereotypes towards them.

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4. Presentation of pictures and comments

- Each Contestant may submit up to three photographs or three sets of up to five photographs. By sets, AWSA-Be means a set of pictures with a link between them. Each picture from a set needs to be numbered. Photographs can be film or digital (the resolution will be min. 300 dpi), in black and white and/or in color. Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible in order to be used for the exhibition.
- The formats used for pictures are free.
- Photographs must be accompanied by a commentary and a title. The comments are directly related to the pictures shown and aim to tell their story. They can be written in French, English or Arabic.
- Each photograph will be accompanied with the details of the contestant (address, phone, e-mail address, postal address, date of birth).
- Comments must be personal creations (no recovery of texts or poems).

5. Deadline for submitting photographs and comments

**Photographs should be submitted before midnight (Belgium Local Time) 30th of August 2021
by email at: awsabe@gmail.com**

6. Uses of the photographs

- The 30 photographs selected will be exhibited in October 2021 in the City Hall of Brussels.
- AWSA-Be will be allowed to use the photographs for the work of the organisation (exhibition, pedagogical tools, etc.). In addition, 12 photos will be highlighted in AWSA-Be 2022 calendar.
- All photos submitted will be the property of AWSA-Be and will therefore possibly be used for the purposes of the organisation. AWSA-Be will include the photographer's name for every use of the photography.

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7. Announcement of results and awards

- The jury will select 30 pictures. Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The jury's decisions are final.
- A symbolic surprise gift will be offered to all participants of the contest. Then, based on a scoring and counting of points, three prizes will be awarded:
 - 1st prize: 500 €**
 - 2nd prize: 400 €**
 - 3rd prize: 300 €**
- Only one prize per contestant will be awarded.
- Winners will be contacted personally by AWSA-Be by phone or email, unless the contestants explicitly refuse it, their names will be published on the website of AWSA-Be and in the annual report of 2021.
- All winning photographers will have their photos exhibited during the AWSA-Be event in Brussels in October 2021. A vernissage will take place with artists, photo editors, media, associations, etc. This will be followed by dissemination of the winning pieces to the cultural and associative circles in Brussels.

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to: awsabe@gmail.com

Your photographs help AWSA-Be promote women's rights and the improvement of the image of Lebanese women in the Arab world. Thank you for helping to further our mission through your art!

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Rules, terms and conditions of the writing contest

From 18 to 25 years old

1. Organization of the photo contest

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The judging of the contest will be conducted by a panel of external experts. The decision of this jury are final.

2. Terms and conditions to participate in the contest

- The contest is opened to all Lebanese living in Lebanon aged between 18 and 25 years old
- Participating in this context is free.
- All texts presented to the contest must be originals. They can be written in French, English or Arabic.
- Participants agree to obide by the rules of the contest, otherwise they will be disqualified.
- Participants have knowledge of the Universal declaration of human rights and will respect it in the context of this contest. Any text promoting values that are against human rights will be disqualified.

3. Theme of the contest

- Theme of the contest: « **Secularism and diversity in lebanon, finding a new perspective and building bridges for togetherness** ».
- **Format:** free form **dissertation, slam, de poem, article with a maximum of 9000 signs (spaces included) to be sent in pdf format at: awsabe@gmail.com**

Rules, terms and conditions of the writing contest

From 18 to 25 years old

4. Deadline

The texts must be sent by 30th of August 2021 at midnight (Brussels local time) at: awsabe@gmail.com

They must be accompanied by the details of the contestant (full name, email address, postal address, date of birth, phone number).

5. Announcement of results and awards

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The winning texts will be used to promote Lebanese women's rights in Belgium and in the Arab world. By participating in this contest, the authors are giving the rights to AWSA-Be to use their texts in the context of the realisation of the organisation's purposes and missions. A mention of the name of the author will be added to any publication and use of the winning texts.

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