

# Participants:

## Wasma Al-Husainy

A Jordanian-Dutch woman who has been living in the Netherlands for 10 years now.

She has a PhD degree in toxicology from Wageningen University in the Netherlands and currently working as a toxicologist at Shell International in The Hague.

She enjoys singing and writing on different topics.

## Natalie Terzikhan

A pianist, she started playing the piano from the age of 6.

In 1996 she won the prize in the national music competition in Syria.

In 2000 she moved to Netherlands and preceded her musical career by joining the young talents class in the conservatory of Arnhem and later Amsterdam and won the prize for the best player of the modern classical music in Enschede.

On the academic level, Natalie got her MSC degree in nutrition and health from the University of Wageningen and is currently doing her another master in genetic epidemiology and a PHD in pulmonary epidemiology (lung diseases).

Natalie is a proud mother of Melina (4) and Ella (2).

## Mari Kamar

A Syrian clarinetist. She studied at the higher institute of music in Damascus and specialized further in the conservatory in Lyon.

Mari worked as the head of the department of woodwind instruments and has been the first clarinetist in the harmony orchestra of the conservatoire national de Lyon.

Mari lives in the Netherlands since 2,5 years and is actively proceeding her musical career in Europe.

## Aicha Zerrouki

An Algerian woman, who has lived in Netherlands since 1990, married and has two boys.

She is the first Arab woman who works as a medical doctor in Rotterdam. She has worked in different hospitals. In 2008 she founded her own clinic as a cosmetic/esthetic doctor.

She is a member of NNVCC ( Nederlandse vereniging voor cosmetische chirurgie), and WOSIAM( World society for interdisciplinary anti-aging medicine) Aicha is active in the social field, having been member of the Rotterdam emancipation bureau, participating in different projects of health education to allochton persons. She is also President of "Andaloucia" organization and a member of ANVK.

## Raya Abu Gulal

Grew up between the Netherlands and the UK, is educated in both countries. Raya is currently running her own legal consultancy firm providing legal advice specializing in the Middle East. Her practice covers a broad range of corporate and commercial work. Prior to setting up her legal consultancy, Raya worked for two leading International Law Firms. She specializes in corporate and commercial work for local and international clients.

Raya is also active in various development initiatives in the MENA region. Raya is also appointed as the committee member of the International Women Business Group-Abu Dhabi and Co-Founder of the Women Lawyers Group-Middle East.