

Lutfia Rabbani Foundation activities 2015 - 2016

During the past year the Foundation has expanded its activities in order to further its objective namely to promote Euro-Arab relations and understanding through education and cultural exchange.

We have been able to support over fifty students in furthering their educational ambitions. This support was realised not only through the [various scholarship programmes](#) that the Foundation offers to both Dutch and Arab students throughout the MENA region but also through dialogue activities and cooperation with other institutions enabling the Foundation to bring people from different backgrounds together in the most efficient and effective manner.

Activities implemented 2015 - 2016

- Over 20 scholarships were granted to [various scholars](#):
 - [The Mahmoud Rabbani Scholarship](#) – a fully financed Master or Phd. Scholarship at a Dutch university or other institute for higher learning;
 - [The Vreede Scholarship for International Law](#) – for Arab students in international law, offered at the International Court of Justice in The Hague;
 - [The Travel Scholarship](#) – offered to Dutch Students and professionals seeking experience in the Arab World.
- On the 23rd of April, the Foundation organised its 1st fundraising event through a lunch at Central Park by Ron Blaauw in Voorburg. The objective of the lunch was to raise money for our MSR scholarships and at the same time bring involved parties together to create a stimulating and informative afternoon.
- The [2015 International Criminal Court Moot Trial Competition](#) took place in May. For three consecutive years now, 2013, 2014 and 2015 the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation has been sponsoring a Palestinian team at the International Criminal Court Moot Trial Competition which presents an opportunity for universities to participate in moot court trials that simulate the proceedings of the International Criminal court. The [students](#) develop their skills as future international lawyers during an extensive 6 day educational and social programme that brings students of diverse backgrounds and cultures together to challenge their skills.
- On October 9th the Foundation organised its [Annual Meet and Greet Reception](#). The informal gathering brought together the Foundation's staff, Board members, the year's different scholars and friends of the Foundation who generously support the Foundation's mission.
- The Foundation supported the [Dancing on the Edge Festival](#) between 4 – 13 November. The Festival focused on artistic exchange and showcased collaborations of Middle Eastern and Dutch/European artists.
- On 3 – 4 December the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation organized the workshop '[Fostering Entrepreneurship: A Euro – Arab Solution](#)' followed by an [open session](#) at the Spaansche Hof in the Hague at the Peace Palace in The Hague. The workshop brought stakeholders from the Arab World and from Europe representing the private, public and education sectors together to discuss how the sectors could connect, collaborate and learn from each other.

- The Lutfia Rabbani Foundation supported for the 2nd consecutive year the conference organised by students of United World Colleges of Maastricht between 14 – 17 January 2016. With over 250 participants attending from all over the world, the three day conference was diverse, thought-provoking and inspiring and dealt with the theme [“When Peace Meets Politics”](#).
- The Lutfia Rabbani Foundation has expanded its cooperation with and sponsorship of the [Nour Project](#) which is part of the global AIESEC student association and sends 20-30 Dutch students to the Arab World per annum for summer internships.