



Press Release

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Manchester-based Syrian Refugee Wins 2020 International Women of Courage Award

Rethink Rebuild Society is pleased to learn that Manchester-based Syrian refugee Mrs Amina Khouani won the 2020 International Women of Courage Award by the U.S. Department of State along with 11 extraordinary women from all over the world. The award ceremony was hosted by the US Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo at the Department of State on Wednesday 04 March 2020. The First Lady of the USA Melania Trump delivered a talk to appreciate the great accomplishments of these women before she handed them their award.

Mrs Khouani, the award's winner, is a Syrian activist who moved to Heald Green, Greater Manchester with her husband and 3 children in 2019. She was detained in 2013 by the Assad regime for 6 months for "peaceful activism" and her husband was imprisoned for 2 and a half years. They eventually survived, but unfortunately, her three brothers were executed while in Assad regime custody. From this tragic experience, Mrs Khouani dedicated her life to release all political prisoners in Syria and to seek information and justice for the families of the disappeared.



The award recognises women all around the world who have shown tremendous courage and leadership in advocating for justice, peace and human rights, often at sacrifice and great personal risk. Rethink Rebuild Society is proud of Mrs Khouani's achievement, which reflects the persistence of Syrians to pursue justice and freedom despite the difficulties they are facing as new refugees in host societies.

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Rethink Rebuild Society is a Manchester-based charity (1177807) that works towards improving the lives of refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants, in particular but not exclusively Syrians in the UK, helping them become positively established within the British society.