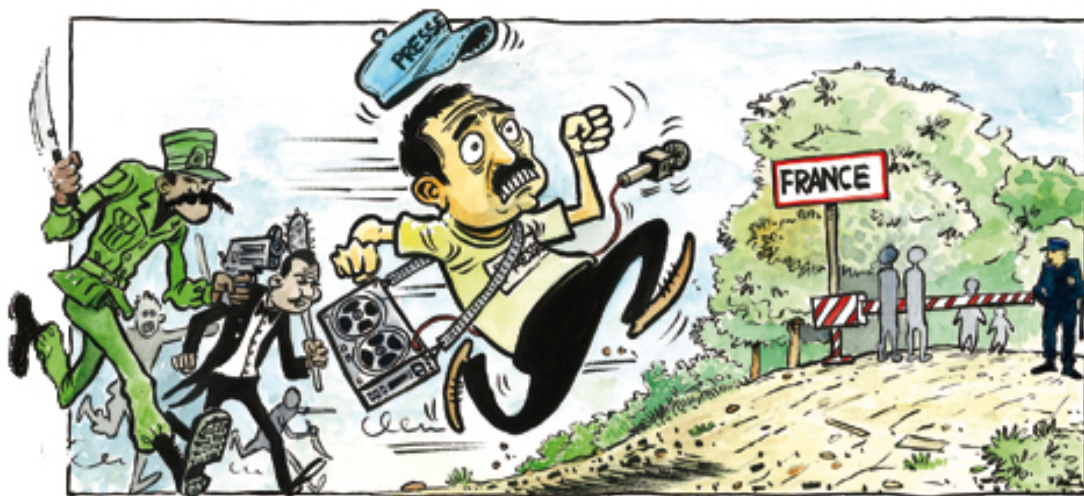


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## PRESS DOSSIER

# LA MAISON DES JOURNALISTES

In the name of the freedom of the press  
and of the freedom of expression,  
since 2002, the Maison des Journalistes (MDJ)  
has welcomed exiled members  
of the media to France.



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# THE MDJ'S WORK

## MISSION AND GOALS

Dream to reality, the Maison des Journalistes is an organization dedicated to the defense of press freedom worldwide. Presided by Christian Auboyneau (Journalist and Producer), the MDJ lodges and supports journalists in exile coming to France. In addition, the MDJ aids journalists with their asylum applications and provides them the means to express themselves freely with its online journal, *L'Œil de la Maison des Journalistes*. Director Darline Couthière summarizes the mission and goals of the association:

**“The Maison des Journalistes is a sort of barometer for press freedom worldwide. This place, the only one of its kind in the world, brings together men and women of diverse nationalities, cultures, and career paths. This diverse group of journalists share a common experience of exile and oppression. The MDJ helps them rebuild their lives and continue their fight for the freedom of the press.”**

The MDJ has been recognized multiple times for its work, unparalleled in scope and in scale, as recipient of the 2005 Crédit Coopératif Award, the 2008 Augustin Merello Award, the 2008 Nonino Prize, the 2010 and 2013 Ilaria Alpi Award, and the 2017 European Union REVES Excellence Award.

The MDJ benefits from an international network in the media and academia. It also works with students conducting research. In fact, graduate students have written their theses on the MDJ's distinct mission and actions.

## HISTORY IN BRIEF



Created in 2002 from the initiative of journalist Danièle Ohayon and director Phillippe Spinau, the Maison des Journalistes was first headquartered in Bobigny. With the aid and support of the City of Paris, in 2003, the MDJ moved its present 15th arrondissement location, a vacated factory under city control. Here, the MDJ welcomes members of the media forced to flee their respective home countries.

Since its creation, almost 400 men and women have found aid and refuge at the MDJ. In the same spirit, the MDJ engages the public, particularly students, outreach work which is featured in this dossier. To continue its mission, the MDJ receives financial support from french media sponsors, the European Union Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the City of Paris, individual donations, and partner organizations including Committee to Protect Journalists, il Caffè dei Giornalisti of Turin, the SCAM, and Presstalis.



Danièle OHAYON  
Journalist  
(Ex Radio France)

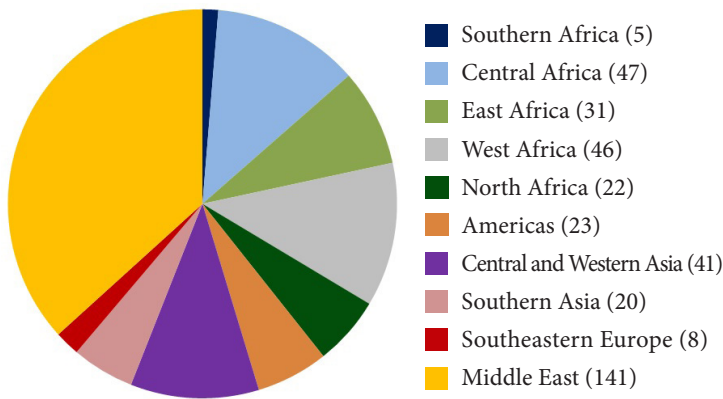


Philippe SPINAU  
Movie Director



# WELCOMING JOURNALISTS IN EXILE

## PLACES OF ORIGIN OF EXILED JOURNALISTS WELCOMED TO THE MDJ SINCE 2002



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FROM THEIR ARRIVAL

A team of specialists aid journalists (including those not lodged at the MDJ) with administrative and legal capacities. The MDJ offers cultural activities and professional development, including French courses, to residents.

The MDJ also organizes meet-and-greets with media organizations so that residents can connect with fellow French journalists.



French courses at the MDJ taught by volunteer Margot Colinet

## ENTERING THE JOB MARKET

Often unable to return to their home country, journalists with asylum status have to integrate into French society. The MDJ connects journalists with organizations and employers, aiding them with their job search.

## LODGING

The MDJ welcomes asylum applicants and refugees for an average stay of 6 months.

Its headquarters in the 15th arrondissement has 14 rooms and common living spaces.

Over 400 members of the media have benefitted from these accommodations as they rebuild their lives.



Syrian journalist Ali Al Daher completed two internships at AFP, in Paris and in Nicosie



Afghan journalist Osman Ahmadi worked as an IT developer thanks to a partnership with start-up Simplon



Our journalists have been participated in televised debates on the media. Here, Guinean journalist Mandian Sidibe was on France 24 December 20, 2017

# A SPACE FOR FREE EXPRESSION FOR EXILED JOURNALISTS

The Maison des Journalistes created an online journal dedicated solely to journalists in exile. *L'Œil de la Maison des Journalistes* ([www.oeil-maisondesjournalistes.fr](http://www.oeil-maisondesjournalistes.fr)) is a forum for discussion and commentary. Bringing a personal and lived experience to the news, the journalists are free to express their views. A unique perspective built on their day-to-day observations and personal stories, contributing journalists expose readers to powerful and original content.

L'ŒIL de  
La Maison des Journalistes

## COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE MEDIA

To increase the visibility of the *L'Œil de la Maison des Journalistes*, the MDJ continues to develop partnerships with French and international media.

In 2017, the MDJ partnered with *Il Caffè dei Giornalisti* in Turin, Italy.

Thanks to this partnership, journalists from the MDJ were internationally recognized for their contributions relating diverse topics, including Syria.

Their work is published in Italian on the website [www.caffedeigiornalisti.com](http://www.caffedeigiornalisti.com)



Editorial meeting with *Il Caffè dei giornalisti* (December 18, 2017)

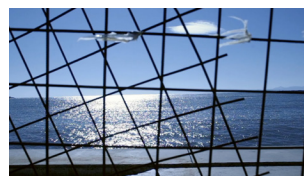


## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

In line with its mission, the MDJ organizes cultural and professional activities and events. The MDJ's programming is varied, taking many forms, including expositions, conferences, seminars, and film discussions. Guided tours and press passes expose journalists in exile to French culture and connect them to national media.



MDJ journalists visited the press room with Marc Rassat, Director of Communication at the Bibliothèque Nationale de France François-Mitterrand November 11, 2017.



**WAITING**  
Une réflexion sur l'attente  
du 9 au 26 janvier 2018  
Exposition collective

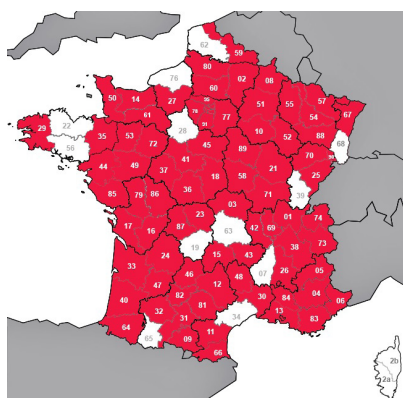
The MDJ presented "Waiting, une réflexion sur l'attente," at the town hall of the 11th arrondissement from 9 to 28 January 2018. Journalists at the MDJ presented sculptures, paintings, photos, videos, and written work exploring the interminable waits of their journey, from fleeing their country of origin to applying for asylum in France.



# OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Defending the freedom of the press, internationally and in France, and promoting democratic values, especially to students, is essential to the MDJ's mission. The MDJ works with multiple partners in its outreach.

## RENOVYÉ SPÉCIAL



*Renvoyé Spécial* (RS), a school visitation program developed in 2006, allows students to hear from journalists in exile. The MDJ partners with CLEMI (an organization under the office of media education in the Ministry of Education of France).

*Departments in red have hosted a Renvoyé Special between 2006 and 2018.*

## 2017: RENVOYÉ SPÉCIAL IN NUMBERS

**MORE THAN 250 HIGH SCHOOLS VISITED  
107 DEBATES IN 19 ACADEMIES OF WHICH 11 OCCURED DURING SEMAINE DE LA PRESSE ET DES MÉDIAS DANS L'ÉCOLE® +218% INCREASE IN SCHOOL VISITS SINCE 2016 MORE THAN 3100 STUDENTS ATTENDED 33 JOURNALISTS**

**IN 2018**, the MDJ coordinated RS visits in partnership with the **City of Paris**, in collaboration with the **ICORN Network**, the **SPIP** (Paris Correctional and Probation Department), the **youth crime prevention clubs of the Town Halls of the 11th and 12th Arrondissements**. RS 2018 also partners with the department **Seine-et-Marne**, the **DT PJJ Val d'Oise**, **CLEMI Lille**, the **Deportation and Resistance Memorial Loire**, and the **International Institution of Human Rights**. Visits will also be organized with financial support of the **Prefecture of the Pas-de-Calais** and the parliamentary reservation of senators **Corinne Bouchoux** and **Esther Benbassa**.

## PRESSE 19



In 2014, the MDJ created the Presse 19 program in reference to article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) pertaining to the right to free expression and of opinion. Presse 19 is a socio-educational program produced in partnership with several European organizations. The program is specifically aimed at students and members of the media.

**New partners since 2016 aid the MDJ to launch multiple offshoots of the RS program.**

## RS PROTECTION JUDICIAIRE DE LA JEUNESSE (PJJ)

**With the Ministries of Justice and of Culture of France** - Created in 2016, this program works with children placed under judicial protection by the French government. The MDJ also offers visits to its comic strip exhibit, **Cartooning for Peace** and an online learning kit.

## RS ÎLE-DE-FRANCE (IDF)

**With the Region of Île-de-France** - Since 2017, this RS Île-de-France has organized ten visits with writers in exile to regional high schools.

## RS HAUTE-GARONNE

**With the Departamental Council of the Haute-Garonne** - Since 2017, program is has been dedicated to students enrolled in civics courses.

## RS PRIX DES LYCÉENS ET PRIX BAYEUX-CALVADOS

**With the City of Bayeux** - Multiple journalists at the MDJ have been invited to high schools in Normandy for the selection of the **Prix des Lycéens** and to receive the **Prix Bayeux-Calvados** for war correspondents.

# STAFF AND BOARD

## THE STAFF

Other than the volunteers, French Civil Service members, and interns who aid in the MDJ's activities and upkeep, the staff forms the backbone of the organization.



**Darline Cothière**  
Director



**Antonin Tort**  
Head of Social  
Action and Lodging



**Lisa Viola Rossi**  
Public Awareness and  
Communications Officer



**Camille Peyssard-Miqueau**  
Partnership and  
Fundraising Officer



**Guillaume Wulfing-Luer**  
Community Manager



**Damien Fondeur**  
Administrative and  
Financial Assistant



**Manuel Dos Santos**  
Building Manager

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Many of the members of the board of the MDJ are members of the media.



**Christian Auboyneau**  
President  
Journalist and Producer  
(Au fil de l'eau)



**Alberic De Gouvill**  
Vice President  
Journalist, Editor-in-  
Chief (France 24)



**Marie Torti**  
Treasurer  
Event Manager  
(BJ Conseils)



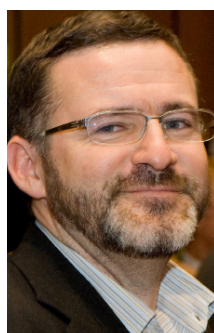
**Denis Perrin**  
Secretary  
Journalist  
Press Specialist



**Claude Guibal**  
Chief Reporter  
International Department  
(France Inter)



**Hervé Brusini**  
Journalist and Director  
of Web Content  
(France Télévisions)



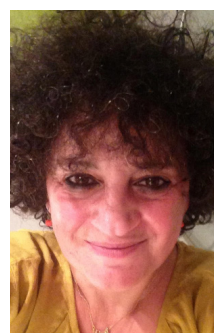
**Stéphane Bribard**  
Advisor to the 10th Arron-  
dissement Public Relations  
(Presstalis)



**Christophe Joly**  
Journalist, Editor-in-  
Chief (L'Œil de la  
Maison des Journalistes)



**Danièle Bergère**  
Teacher  
(National Education)



**Katty Cohen**  
Journalist  
(ex Les Échos)



**Soro Solo**  
Journalist  
(France Inter),  
MDJ's ex-resident



**Prisca Orsonneau**  
Director of Social  
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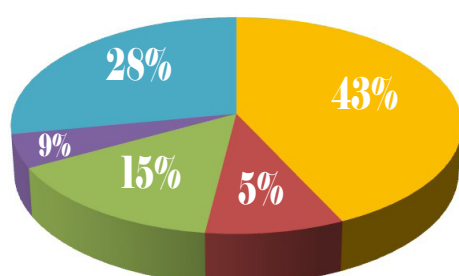


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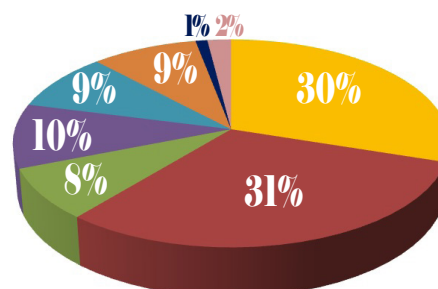


## 2016 FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

EXPENSES: €338,267



INCOME: €352,723



- Media Sponsors
- Social Action and Lodging
- Direct Aid
- Educational, Journalistic, and Cultural Projects
- Communication and Development
- Administration, Management, Compatibility
- FAMI (EU - 2012 and 2013 pay and 2014 deposit)
- City of Paris
- Ministries of France (Culture, Foreign Affairs)
- The Scam - Presstalis - Audiens
- International NGOs - Foundations
- Individual Donations, Subscriptions, Money-Making Events
- City of Bayeux and the Department of Haute-Garonne



# DONATE TO THE MAISON DES JOURNALISTES

## IFIGHTING FOR THOSE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES TO SPEAK THE TRUTH, THE MDJ NEEDS **YOUR HELP**

The MDJ's work depends on the solidarity and generosity of its patrons and partners, including the media, as well as funding from the European Union, regional governments, and the City of Paris.

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