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'The Carulla Awards strengthen the ties between millions of people who share the same language and culture'

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Mayor Xavier Trias expressed this opinion at the 2013 Carulla Awards ceremony, which includes the Foundation's 37th Award of Honour, which this year went to historian Paul Preston. The Mayor also praised the work of all those people who dedicate time and effort to numerous civic and social initiatives "this is a really valuable asset that we possess as a city and as a country, a treasure that we must preserve and promote", he affirmed.

In the opinion of the Mayor, these awards demonstrate that with "a job well done, rigour and audacity, any challenge can be successfully met". He also pointed out that the award winners excel in disciplines like teaching, music, communications, archaeology and the fostering of the Catalan language and culture. "everything that distinguishes us as a nation, and what most brings us together". Finally, he stressed that "you make us feel proud of our culture and our language".

The Mayor thanked the Foundation for this ceremony "which helps to highlight your work, which strengthens the country and helps to give us international projection". He congratulated the organisation on its 40-year trajectory and he remarked that "you have always been equal to the challenges facing the country and to protecting Catalan culture".

The Lluís Carulla Award of Honour is given to people or organisations that have helped, with the quality of their scientific, cultural or civic activities, to promote awareness of being a national community and the sense of belonging to the culture of Catalan-speaking countries. This year, the award was won by Paul Preston, the British historian and hispanist, who was unable to collect the award in person.

The six Civic Action Awards are given to distinguish the work of people who have acted and act in the service of national identity in different areas of life and human relations, such as teaching, the media, sciences, art,

popular culture, music, theatre, the economy, law, social and civic action, etc. The winners were Pilar Benejam (Ciutadella), Pep Gimeno "Botifarra" (Xàtiva), Daniel José Queraltó (Andorra la Vella), Margalida Orfila (Maó), Guido Sari (L'Alguer) and Dolors Solà (Vic).

The [Lluís Carulla Foundation](#) was created in 1973 to promote the language, culture and values of Catalan society, with the aim of strengthening the sense of belonging.



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