

Ben M'sik Community Museum

The Ben M'sik Community Museum (BMCM) is a burgeoning museum housed at Faculty of Letters and Humanities, Ben M'sik, Casablanca, Morocco, located at the heart of the diverse Ben M'sik neighborhood of Casablanca. The decision to create the Ben M'sik Community Museum is an indication of its commitment to establish deeper contacts with the community it serves. The BMCM's mission supports the University's own mission of increasing the number of interactions with partners belonging to its socio-economic environment.

Ben M'sik is the largest, poorest, and most densely populated of Casablanca's six districts. It has long been considered a "holding room" for successive waves of migrants—most recently from the drought-stricken Chaouia and Doukala regions of Morocco. The cultural and ethnic diversity of this neighborhood, where such differences are echoed in the Arabic and Amazigh languages spoken by its residents, underscores the need for a shared space of representation that is simultaneously a gathering place where different voices and views might be understood. Since the 1980s, the local government has recognized the needs of this vast and complex community and has worked to improve social conditions by establishing cultural and social institutions in the area.

The museum displays a collection of artifacts, old kitchen utensils, old instruments for weaving traditional clothes and carpets, traditional musical instruments and photographs.

Mission

To preserve memory by interpreting, exhibiting, and promoting the stories of the diverse populations of the neighborhood and its region.