

FFWPU BFD EUME Matching and Blessing Workshop: Internal and Practical Guidance Best foot forward - New Start - Next Steps

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The ESGD team is continuing their work in the Matching & Blessing area based on the foundation of the European Second Generation Blessing Department. It was founded in 1998 by elder European Blessed Children, has worked closely with the International Blessing Department, and successfully restarted the European BFD in 2007. We have worked with second generation throughout the last 20+ years, and want to carry on offering support for brothers and sisters through the different stages of their matching and Blessing journeys. We aspire to provide helpful and relevant education for Blessed Children, Jacob Children and their parents, centred on the Divine Principle and True Parents' teachings. Good education can make a difference; we want to do our best to offer something from our shared experience in the field.