

NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRENCH TEACHERS

L'Association des Etablissements Scolaires Protestants Evangeliques Francophones (AESPEF) has recently announced the setting up of **l'Institut Supérieur Protestant "Mathurin Cordier"**, a training centre for Christian teachers.

It will open its doors in early September 2014, with the aim of training future teachers in Protestant schools in French speaking countries.

To start with, there will be a two-year training course for primary teachers in non contractual schools, which are not state funded. The standard entry qualification will be the Baccalauréat. It may also provide additional training to those who already have a state qualification in primary or secondary education. Later, it will assist in the training of secondary school teachers who wish to complete a course in their specialist subjects.

The implementation of this structure is the first step towards the creation of a Protestant University School of Education. Its foundations are based on ten years experience in a three-month intensive teacher training course organised by Mathurin Cordier. It is being set up in response to a clear need for initial and in-service training for teachers in Christian schools, to ensure the continuity of a faith-based education for our young people and, indeed, for the benefit of the nation as a whole. It is also anticipated that there will be an increase in the number of Christian schools being set up as a result of the announcement of new national projects already under way.

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Further details about the planned training programme can be obtained from:

www.aespef.org