



Matching & Blessing Workshop: Internal and Practical Guidance **Best foot forward: New Start. Next Steps.**

We are happy to invite you to an international online workshop on the topic of internal and practical guidance for the Matching & Blessing.

The Blessing is not just a ceremony to get through; it is a lifestyle which we need to grow into. Preparation matters; so how can we create more space for God to guide us through the matching, into blessed life? How can we try as hard as we can to make good things happen in this precious area of our lives? Essentially, we want to offer a focused programme that can support you to better understand where you are now and how you can move forwards.

The workshop will take place on three separate evenings (European time): **19th, 20th and 26th February 2022**. Please see the detailed schedule below.

We hope that the workshop can support and challenge you to take steps forward in your personal situation, and to also consider how you can contribute towards a healthier matching and blessing culture in the community. The education will cover topics such as:

- Strengthening your pursuit of spirituality in your life circumstances
- Growing your confidence
- Taking steps towards succeeding in the matching
- Gaining clarity and dealing with challenges of our culture
- Cultivating our relationship with God and True Parents

The sessions will include aspects of internal guidance and testimonies. The programme is designed for Blessed children and Jacob children aged 18+ and their parents. The workshops will be led by Patrick and Yebuny Hanna, Július and Martin Alexy.

To increase the potential impact of the workshop in your personal situation, we encourage you to attend with your parents. As an incentive, we are offering a discounted workshop fee if you attend with one or both of your parents. The discounted fee also applies for siblings too 😊 as we are on the path as families, not individuals.

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Invited are: Blessed children and Jacob children aged 18+ and their parents. This workshop is not limited to European and Middle East region.

Dates and times:

19 February (Saturday) 18:00 – 22:00 CET / 12:00 – 16:00 EST

20 February (Sunday) 18:00 – 22:00 CET / 12:00 – 16:00 EST

26 February (Saturday) 18:00 – 22:00 CET / 12:00 – 16:00 EST

CET – Central European Time / EST – Eastern Standard Time

Workshop fee: 40 EUR (or 33 GBP or 45 USD) for a participant, then only 12 EUR (or 10 GBP or 14 USD) for each additional member of the family (parent or sibling) attending the workshop. This is to contribute towards the work involved in preparing the content, and as a mark of valuing the education provided. After you have registered, you will receive information on how to make the payment.

Registration: Please register online by 12th February at <https://esgdmedia.org/registration/>. We kindly ask each person from the same family to register individually. This will help us get an overview of participants and assist with preparing break out rooms.

Note: This workshop does not fulfil the formal requirements for the Blessing application; instead we are focusing on providing helpful and relevant education.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at: education@esgdmedia.org

We believe the workshop has the potential to provide valuable support for all those who are seriously thinking about progressing on their Matching & Blessing journey; whether preparing, in the process, or already matched. As the next Blessing Ceremony is expected to take place on the 16th April 2022, the workshop can be a contribution towards your internal preparations.

Sincerely,
The ESGD team

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.