

Teach For All For Immediate Release

Teach For France joins the Teach For All network

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Today, **Teach For France** announced that it has joined **Teach For All**, a global network dedicated to expanding educational opportunity in countries around the world. As an independent nonprofit organization, Teach For France's mission is to recruit, train, and support diverse and talented individuals from France to commit to teach for a minimum of two years in underserved schools, and become leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity throughout the country. Teach For France joins 36 Teach For All partner organizations around the world, all working toward the day when every child has the opportunity to receive an excellent and equitable education.

"I am thrilled that Teach For France has joined Teach For All," said Wendy Kopp, CEO and Co-founder of Teach For All. "Teach For France joins a growing group of dynamic partners in Europe working to generate greater educational opportunity across the continent by enlisting more of their nations' most promising future leaders in the effort."

According to the leading international assessment of educational quality and equity, France has the greatest educational inequity in the world. Each year, 140,000 children drop out of the French education system. At the same time, about 12% of qualified teacher vacancies remain unfilled due to a lack of applicants. To make up for this gap, 7.5% of secondary teaching positions are filled by substitutes. Teach For France aims to improve educational opportunities for France's students, incite a love of learning, and ensure that all children believe they are capable of attaining an excellent education.

Teach For France will place teachers in schools serving children in low-income communities across the country, and provide them with the training and development they need to help lead each student toward personal and academic excellence. By recruiting outstanding graduates and professionals and giving them an opportunity to teach in schools where they are most needed, Teach For France will live up to its ambitious goal of creating unlimited potential for France's future through education.

"Teach For France is taking on the exceptional challenge of changing the country by providing a more equitable education," said CEO **Nadia Marik-Descoings**. "We look forward to addressing this challenge as part of an outstanding network that is both a proof point and a condition of its success."

Teach For France will begin with at least 10 participants in its first cohort, which will begin teaching in September 2016. These teachers will work in schools in deprived districts in Paris. Teach For France will provide participants with support and training throughout their initial two-year commitment, including coaching, mentorship, and regular classroom support. Following the two-year commitment, Teach For France will continue supporting these teachers as active alumni who continue to pursue the organization's mission.

More about Teach For France [here](#).

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About Nadia Marik-Descoings

After her experience in the communication sector, most notably as the Deputy Director of TBWA, Nadia Marik-Descoings committed herself in the public sector. She has practiced in the Administrative Court, first as Counselor, from 1997–1999, then as Government Commissioner until 2000, and finally as First Counselor, from 2013–2015. Nadia served as Executive Director for the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques from 2000–2002 and then as Deputy Director from 2002–2013.

About Teach For All

Teach For All is a global network of over 35 locally led and funded independent partner organizations with a shared vision for expanded educational opportunity in their countries. Each partner recruits and develops diverse leaders to commit two years to teach in their nations' high-need classrooms and to work throughout their lives to increase opportunity for children. For more information, visit TeachForAll.org and follow us on Twitter @TeachForAll



Nadia Marik-Descoings, CEO, Teach For France

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