

L'Échappée Belle

UNE FONDATION POUR LA PROMOTION DE LA CULTURE FRANÇAISE AUX PAYS-BAS

Hoofdpijnen beleidsplan

Pierre-Pascal Bruneau, of French origin, a recently retired partner of Debevoise & Plimpton, a New York law firm, has opened, in September 2014, a French bookstore, Le Temps Retrouvé, www.letempsretrouve.nl, in Amsterdam historical center. Le Temps Retrouvé is also organizing, with the support of the French embassy's cultural services, literary events, hosting French writers, signing and lectures etc. Although French books may be found in certain Dutch bookstores, Le Temps Retrouvé is the only genuine French bookstore in The Netherlands.

The French community's response to Le Temps Retrouvé's creation has been strong and enthusiastic. The French embassy has been very supportive of Pierre-Pascal Bruneau's activities and will be helping promoting and supporting the project of the Foundation.

This Project will be mainly consisting in:

- creating a French cinémathèque;
- organize cultural events in association with French and Dutch cultural organizations (i.e. OBA, the Amsterdam public library, Eye, the Dutch Film Museum, Alliance Française or borrowing exhibitions from French museum), and
- found a 'club house' for the French speaking community in the Netherlands to meet up, read French newspapers and magazines, organise a book exchange, drink a French cup of coffee, assist to smaller literary and cultural events.