



**Gifu Chapter 岐阜支部**

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# **Group Work in the Oral and Literacy Classrooms**

**with Frid Joanis & Mark Guthrie**

Student presenters from Shotoku Gakuen University,  
**Miyu Takahashi & Idomu Kurosawa,**  
will also give short talks related to classroom group work.

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, 18:00-20:00**

**JR Gifu Station Heartful Square 2F**

## **Abstract:**

Although it is a perennial aspect of the ESL classroom, group work is frequently implemented as an afterthought: it is a means to an end, a break in the schedule, or a chance for students to let off steam. However, this attitude risks losing the real efficacy of classroom peer interactivity: an opportunity for shared learning. It is only by exploring the reasons as to why the empirical support for a shift from teacher-led to student-led group work is so vehement, that we truly uncover the power of group work in the classroom. *Group Work in the Oral and Literacy Classrooms* is a workshop that not only explores these reasons but demonstrates how various activities can be implemented, modified, and adapted for both oral and literary activities. The presenters aim to help you augment your own imagination and understanding of group interaction in the best way possible: in a group of your peers.

## **Bios:**

**Frid Joanis** is a Specially-Appointed Assistant Professor at the Gifu University English Center in Gifu. He has a Master of Science in TESOL and has taught English in America and Japan to students of different age groups and English abilities for 8 years. He has interests in bilingualism, writing skills in SLA, and task-based learning.

**Mark Guthrie**, also a Specially-Appointed Assistant Professor at Gifu University, has 11 years experience teaching English in Japan. With extensive copywriting experience and a Masters Degree in Creative Writing, he is the coordinator for Gifu University's English Center Writing course, and is currently exploring avenues in textbook development.

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