



Gifu Chapter 岐阜支部
Presents Online

Online Teaching Japan:

Teachers helping teachers through the pandemic

with **José Domingo Cruz**

Saturday, September 17th 2022, 18:00 - 20:00

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Abstract:

The Spring of 2020 will, among educators worldwide, be forever associated with incredible challenges that some might call creative, some might call traumatic. Teachers everywhere were scrambling to find answers to questions they didn't even know how to ask concerning what was called an Emergency Remote Teaching (ERT) environment. It was then that many of us found some answers, new knowledge, and a new way community for sharing that knowledge in Online Teaching Japan (OTJ), a Facebook private group that brought teachers from all around the world to inquire, share, and commiserate over all the bumps in the road that teaching in the pandemic would bring. And now that we are emerging out from under the pandemic how should we see our experience? Was it just an emergency that we put behind us and return to "normal" or do we look at it as an opportunity to push ourselves further ahead in what we can do to improve our classrooms?

José Domingo Cruz was close to the centre of the phenomenon that was OTJ. He became known as a ZOOM expert early on and helped provide weekly information sessions to get teachers ready to use unfamiliar tools like video conferencing software, learning management systems, and digital education suites. In this presentation, he will talk about OTJ's role in helping teachers through the pandemic and discuss and consider what its future role might be.

Bio:

José Domingo Cruz is a leading member of Online Teaching Japan, and the author of, "Teaching with ZOOM 2". He is from Canada, and is a veteran university instructor, author, and public speaker, specializing in fluency instruction, authentic materials creation, and online education.

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Cost: **Free**

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