



Gifu & Nagoya present Young Learners Day

In memory of Buzz Green



JR Gifu Station, Heartful Square

April 22, 2023

1:00~4:00 p.m.

Featuring:

**Mari Nakamura (MELEP)
&
Yoko Takano (Tryalogue)**



- 1:00 Opening**
- 1:10 Mari Nakamura: Promoting Student Engagement in Global Project-Based Learning**
- 2:00 Break**
- 2:10 Short Presentations**
- 2:40 Break**
- 2:50 Book Display, Poster & Networking Session**
- 3:15 Yoko Takano: How to Make a Students-Centered Classroom**
- 3:45 Raffle & Closing ***The raffle winner will receive books!*****

Participation fee: JALT members & students: FREE, Non-members: ¥1,000

PROGRAM

1:00~ Opening

1:10~

Mari Nakamura, MELEP

Promoting Student Engagement in Global Project-Based Learning



Project-based learning (PBL) is considered to be one of the most effective ways to promote student engagement. In this practical presentation Mari will introduce a global PBL project conducted between her adolescent learners and high school students in Moldova, and will report on the students' and her own reflections on this project with a focus on student engagement. The audience will have ample opportunity to contribute to the session through discussions in relation to their own unique teaching contexts.

Mari Nakamura, the founder of a professional development community, MELEP, has 30 years of experience in teaching young learners. She gave a plenary presentation on her intercultural exchange projects and learner agency at the JALT 2019 International Conference.

2:00~ Break

2:10~ Short presentations (20 slides X 20 seconds)

Spencer Stevens, JET Program

Hey Siri! Siri Voiceovers for Your Listening Lessons

Voice recordings are an invaluable resource for our students' listening needs. However, we may not have access to a microphone or soundproof room. Likewise, our voice is only one among many different English speaking voices in the world. Recording Siri's voiceovers is an effective way to generate a high quality, custom recording with a multitude of English speaking voices.

Note: Both a MacOS and iOS/iPadOS device are needed for this method.

Amy Braun, Mirai no Hako

Well-Being in the Classroom

Emotional health and well-being have been a cornerstone of children's education since the beginning of education. But, it has become more important since the pandemic. This presentation will talk about how to integrate well-being activities in the classroom. Also, the presenter will discuss how teachers can involve language learning in the process.

Sae Harada, Iwakura Minami Elementary School

Teaching English in Public Elementary Schools

I will share some activities I have tried at Iwakura Minami Elementary School, my students' reactions and how you can use the activities, too.

2:40~ Break

2:50~ Book display, Poster & Networking Session

3:15~

Yoko Takano, Tryalogue
How to Make a Student-Centered Classroom



According to some theories which explain useful practices for young learners, student-centered classrooms make students more motivated to learn language because the atmosphere lets them express their opinion without feeling anxiety. The presenter will give the workshop to inform attendees how to use materials effectively to set up students-centered lessons. In addition, she explores specific teaching episodes with young learners in her own private school to focus on communicative language teaching (CLT).

Yoko Takano obtained her MA TESOL from Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (NUFS) and works for three private universities: Meijo, Nanzan University and NUFS as a part-time lecturer. She has also been teaching local students in her own language school: OKIDOKI EIGO SCHOOL in Nagoya for 26 years. Her poster presentation in JALT 2019 got the best poster award. She serves as the Nagoya JALT program chair.

3:45 Raffle and Closing