



Gifu Chapter 岐阜支部

Presents

Interactive Learning Towards Learner Autonomy

with Corazon T. Kato & Kenji Arai

+Back to School Ideas Share!

Saturday, March 18th 2023, 18:00-20:00

JR Gifu Station Heartful Square 2F

Abstract:

Interactive communication activities to foster learner autonomy were integrated into the first-year curriculum of the English as a foreign language (EFL) course. Using "authentic stories" and providing "real talk time" outside the classroom increased opportunities to use English in a fun and relaxing atmosphere and develop social interaction skills. Likewise, participating in the *International Virtual Exchange (IVE) Project* allowed learners to exchange opinions in writing with participants from various cultures and enhance cross-cultural understanding and intercultural communication skills. Even though poor interest and motivation in EFL learning remain, the pre and post-assessment results showed progress in language skills. The presenters will share the challenges and outcomes of adopting an interactive curriculum to promote learner autonomy in keeping up with language teaching and learning developments.

Bios:

Kato Corazon - has been teaching EFL in Japan for more than twenty years. Currently, she is teaching as full-time lecturer at Chubu Gakuin University

Arai Kenji - Associate Professor at Chubu Gakuin University; English teacher in Gifu-prefecture for twenty-four years; Former member of Takayama Board of Education; Head of the secretariat of JASTEC (The Japan Association for the Study of Teaching English to Children)

7-8pm Back to School Ideas Share!

After the break, we will make some time for all attendees to share a tip, an idea, or an activity they use at the start of the new school year to make their courses run smoothly and help students get to know each other.

Cost: *First visit & F/T university students FREE / JALT Members FREE;*

"One-day members" ¥1,000.