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Teaching Games for
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TGfU SIG Newsletter

This is the July 2022 newsletter of the TGfU Special Interest Group (SIG) keeping you connected with the latest developments in our field.

We are currently celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the publication of the Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) model. Throughout, the year we have hosted lots of exciting events and will continue to celebrate a fantastic milestone. We hope you can join in and show your support for games-based approaches (GBAs).

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Next Event

“Global Lesson Study” Webinar
16th July 2022

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Latest SIG Developments

Executive Board Initiatives: The Executive Board have recently been focusing on reviewing and finalising our strategic plan. We aim to provide our community with updates shortly.

Additionally, we are developing some awards and recognitions in honor of the work of Joy Butler and Len Almond. These will be presented to members of our community during our International Conferences and Symposiums. Further, a committee has been organized to plan an online conference which will conclude our 40th Anniversary Celebrations. We will provide more details and updates over the next few months- we hope you will be able to join us.

International Advisory Board (IAB) Initiatives: Members of our IAB are in the process of designing a professional development program suitable for teachers and coaches. They plan to launch the event in September 2022. More details to follow shortly.

Alan Ovens: Unfortunately, due to his increased workload, Alan has had to resign as our Executive Board Secretary. Alan has dedicated a great deal of time and commitment to the TGfU SIG over the years and we wish him all the very best. We look forward to joining Alan and his colleagues at the University of Auckland for our 2024 International Conference.

40th Anniversary Celebration

We are excited to announce that 2022 is the 40th anniversary of the publication of the Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) model by David Bunker and Rod Thorpe in 1982. To celebrate this milestone and the field of games-based approaches, the TGfU SIG will be hosting a variety of events and initiatives throughout the year.

Our 40th Anniversary calendar below showcases some of the events we will be hosting. Please note that some event dates are still to be confirmed and new events to be added, so please check out our 40th Anniversary Featured page and Twitter for the latest developments.

We hope our community can get involved and make this a momentous occasion.

JULY

Guest Blogger: Matt Dingwall

Special Blog: Bunker, Thorpe and Almond (1982, 83, 84, 86, 89) TGfU

Delayed May and June Special blogs will be posted this month

Event: Global Lesson Study (16th)

AUGUST

Guest blogger: David Cooper and Barrie Gordon

Guest blogger: Kanae Haneishi and Professor Matsumoto

Special Blog: Limited visibility and Country-Specific models/approaches

Event: TBC

SEPTEMBER

Guest blogger: Aspasia Dania

Event: Anniversary Video Project deadline for applications (1st)

Special Blog: Pill (2007) Play with Purpose

Event: IAB Professional Development Webinar Series (dates TBC)

OCTOBER

Guest blogger: TBC

Special Blog: Gréhaigne (1997) Teaching and Learning Team Sports and Games

Event: IAB Professional Development Webinar Series (dates TBC)

NOVEMBER

Guest blogger: Naoki Suzuki

Special Blog: Rossi, Fry, McNeil and Tan (2007) Games Concept Approach

Event: Global Lesson Study (date TBC)

Event: Webinar with Aspasia Dania (date TBC)

Event: "Learner-oriented teaching and assessment in GBAs" Webinar series (dates TBC)

DECEMBER

Guest blogger: TGfU SIG Exec

Special Blog: Games Sense

Event: Completion of Video Project

Event: "Learner-oriented teaching and assessment in GBAs" Webinar series (dates TBC)

Guest Blogs and Special Blogs

Throughout 2022, we will be continuing our successful monthly guest blogs written by members of our community. We are keener than ever to showcase the amazing games-based approaches research and practice happening around the world. If you are interested in sharing your work, please contact Ellen at tgfu.info@gmail.com for more information.

We will also be hosting a special blog every month on each of the different games-based approaches/models. These will provide clear details about the approach/model including developments since their formation. If you are interested in contributing to these, please contact Ellen.

40th Anniversary Video Project

Our first major project is the 40th Anniversary Video Project. We would like to create a video with individuals around the world from our TGfU community celebrating the anniversary. This will be a collection of video clips, pictures and text carefully crafted together to produce a complete larger video sequence. This video will be displayed on our website and social media.

We encourage everyone to participate with short video clips and photos so please get involved!

Examples of what you could do:

1. **Wishing TGfU a happy anniversary**
2. **Extended Video (discussing TGfU and your practice/research)**
3. **Practical Examples**
4. **Email Tribute**

These are just a few starting suggestions of how you might like to join in but please don't feel limited by them. If you have any concerns or would like further clarification, please just drop us an email at the address below.

Key Requirements:

For your contributions to be included we need them to be standardized in the following formats

- **Picture files** should be **PNG or JPEG**
- **Video files** should be **MP4 or WMV**
- All files shared need to include **Participating group(s), Affiliation, Country** (*these will be included in the credits at the end of the video*) and **Contact Information**
 - E.g., Professor Linda Griffin (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA), PETE Students (University of Sunderland, UK), Year 3 pupils (Thornton Elementary School, USA), Sunderland Spartans (University of Sunderland, UK)
- Please ensure you have **copyright permission** and **permission from participants to photograph/film**

IMPORTANT – to allow time for video editing the deadline for entries is **1st September 2022**.

For full details visit <http://www.tgfu.info/40th-anniversary.html>

If you have any issues or questions regarding the key requirements or ideas for photos/videos, please contact Ellen at tgfu.info@gmail.com to discuss.

40th Anniversary Webinars

During 2022, we are hosting a series of webinars discussing a wide range of games-based approaches topics. Our aim is to have an event every month from February to December. For more information and to view all our recorded webinars visit <http://www.tgfu.info/40th-anniversary-webinars.html>

So far, our webinars have been very successful with attendees from around the world. We hope to continue delivering a wide range of educational topics and practical examples suitable for our diverse community.

Upcoming Webinar Events

July (16th)

“Global Lesson Study”

Moderator: Dr Naoki Suzuki (Associate Professor, Tokyo Gakugei University, Japan)

Presenter: Mr. Yasutaka Abe (Minami-nakanoyama Elementary School, Japan)

Commentators: Dr Karen Richardson (Professor, Bridgewater State University, USA) and Dr. Aspasia Dania (Assistant Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)

August- Event TBC

September- October (dates TBC)

IAB Professional Development Webinar Series

November (dates TBC)

"Teacher Reflection" Webinar

Speaker: Dr Aspasia Dania (Assistant Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)

“Global Lesson Study”

Speakers: Dr Naoki Suzuki (Associate Professor, Tokyo Gakugei University, Japan) and Mr. Kentaro Kubo (Setagaya Elementary School attached to Tokyo Gakugei University, Japan)

November/December (dates TBC)

“Learner- Oriented Teaching and Assessment” Webinar Series

Speakers: Cláudio Farias (Senior Lecturer, University of Porto, Portugal), Patrícia Coutinho (Lecturer, University of Porto, Portugal), Cristiana Bessa (Lecturer, University of Porto, Portugal) and Ana Ramos (Lecturer, University of Porto, Portugal)

Social Media



The TGfU Sig have a monthly blog introduced in May 2019. Each month we have a guest blogger who writes a post: this can be about their research, any projects they are currently working on or any particular area of interest they may have in this field.

- **May 2022 blog** was by Can Ünal and Stefan König about “Implementing TGfU Strategies and Principles in Adolescent Top Level Soccer—An Exploratory Approach”.
- **June 2022 blog** was by Francesco Sgrò and Michele Barca about “Understanding tactical knowledge within game-based approaches”.
- **July 2022 blog** was by Matt Dingwall and Rebecca Lloyd about “What Does ‘Ready to Play’ Look Like?: Integrating the Interactive4Life Project with TGfU”.

To read these interesting contributions, check out <http://www.tgfu.info/blog>

Our 40th Anniversary Special blogs discuss a variety of different models/approaches within the GBAs field.

- **January 2022** was by Ellen-Alyssa Gambles about “Mauldon and Redfern’s (1969) New Approach”.
- **February 2022** was by Shane Pill and Ellen-Alyssa Gambles about “Coaching for Understanding- Wade (1967) and Worthington (1974)”.
- **March 2022** was by Shane Pill about “Horst Wein: Developing Game Intelligence”.
- **April 2022** was by Ellen-Alyssa Gambles about “Lauder (2001) Play Practice”

To read these interesting contributions, check out <http://www.tgfu.info/special-blogs>



With our aims of trying to increase our visibility and promotion of games-based approaches, the TGfU Sig has been wanting to engage with our community. We have become more active on our Twitter account, so please follow us and send us any interesting games-based approaches tweets.

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