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This is the May 2024 newsletter of the TGfU Special Interest Group (SIG) keeping you connected with the developments in our field. The TGfU SIG is a globally representative group of associations and individuals committed to the promotion and dissemination of scholarly inquiry around ways of knowing, learning, and teaching through game-based approaches (GBAs).

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Next Major Events

TGfU Conference in Auckland
8-11 December 2024

Latest SIG Developments

Current Initiatives:

We are currently in the process of updating our website and considering ways to increase our reach within education around the world. We have a few proposals that are being written with the Executive and IAB which we will be sending to members in the coming months.

Members' Only Section:

We are launching a members' only section on the website for all paying members, which will have resources and webinars suitable for all GBA teaching and coaching. This has been and will be an ongoing project trying to deliver the latest in GBA research and practice. The resources will be available for 12 months in the members' only section before being added to the main website. We hope to launch the section in September 2024.

Webinars:

After the success of our [40th Anniversary webinar series](#) we are wanting to continue to deliver webinars on the wide range of topics within the GBA field and from across the world. We will be creating 15min, 30min and 1hr long webinars in either a pre-recorded oral presentation, 1:1 interview or live presentation with a global audience and Q+A format. All webinar recordings will be made available in our new members' only section.

We are currently looking for speakers who wish to discuss their practice and/or research. These webinars are open to anyone whether you are new to GBAs or more experienced and whether you are student, teacher, coach or academic. If you are interested, please contact Ellen at tgfu.info@gmail.com

8th International TGfU 2024 Conference in New Zealand



Venue: The University of Auckland, New Zealand

Date: 8-11th December 2024

Website: <https://tgfu2024.blogs.auckland.ac.nz/>

"Innovation, inspiration, and inclusion in games-based teaching and coaching"

Over the course of this conference, we will delve deep into the innovative strategies, technologies, and methodologies that harness the intrinsic power of the game-based approach to enhance learning, skill development, and games education. Our program features a diverse array of speakers, interactive workshops, panel discussions, and research presentations, offering you opportunities to explore the latest trends, share insights, and network with like-minded professionals. Our theme captures the idea that we want to explore the concept in a broad way, and create a vibrant and rich opportunity to share, discuss, and experience the latest research and practices by examining past developments in teaching and coaching.

Whether you are a teacher, a sports coach, a curriculum designer, or simply curious about the intersection of play and learning, this conference promises to be a platform for inspiration, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas. Join us as we unlock the full potential of game-based teaching and coaching in shaping the future of education and sports development.

The conference is targeted at three key audiences: teachers, coaches and academics. The academic programme will be held over 3.5 days, with options for delegates to present oral presentations, workshops, posters and symposia. During the event we intend running a one-day series of workshops for teachers on one day, and another series for coaches on another day. We currently have committees established to explore what the nature and content of these days may look like so stay tuned for more information.

The venue will utilize the facilities at the University of Auckland (City campus). We anticipate our new Sport and Recreation stadium will be completed in August 2024, and our conference will be the first major event to use this facility.

The TGfU SIG looks forward to working with the organizing committee at the University of Auckland and we will provide you with more details over the coming months.

Call for Abstracts is NOW OPEN- You can submit an oral, Practical Workshop and Poster presentations or symposium presentations. For full guidelines click the "call for abstract here" link in the orange box

[Call for Abstract Here](#)

Closes 31 May 2024

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REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 2024

AIESEP 2024 Jyväskylä, Finland



We had a fantastic pre-conference event at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland with academics, teachers, coaches, and students joining us for an afternoon of practical GBA sessions.

Programme:

- 12:00-12:15- Welcome from the TGfU SIG
- 12:15-13:15- The Four Square Game by Aspasia Dania
- 13:15-13:30- Break
- 13:30-14:30- Game-based Teaching Principles by Jeroen Koekoek and Wyste Walinga
- 14:30-15:30- Break
- 15:30- 16:30- Tactics and Sport Education in net/wall by David Gutierrez and Luis Miguel Garcia-Lopez
- 16:30-17:00- Closing Discussion

We would like to thank Aspasia Dania and Jeroen Koekoek (Executive Board members) for organizing the event, with Gwen Weeldenburg and Claudio Farias (IAB members) for their support on the day. We would also like to thank our presenters; Aspasia, Jeroen, Wyste, David and Luis, for their excellent sessions. Finally, we would like to thank all our attendees for engaging with this event- we hope it was as enjoyable for you, as it was for us!

For more information and additional pictures from the event please visit [2024 AIESEP Jyvaskyla](https://www.tgfu.info/2024-AIESEP-Jyvaskyla). We will be adding a short report of the event soon to the website page and videos of the sessions to our new Members' Only section- stay tuned for details.



Social Media



The TGfU Sig introduced a guest blog in May 2019 where a guest blogger writes a website 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.

- **August 2023 blog** was by Sean Fullerton who discussed “Implementing a GBA-EForce Football”
- **September 2023 blog** was by Phil Kearney who discussed “Game-Based Approaches in Ireland: An interview with Master Adrian Byrne”.

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

We would love to hear from you if you wish to contribute to our guest blog spot. If you would be interested in sharing your research and/or practice, please contact Ellen at tgfu.info@gmail.com



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

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