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

We are currently celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the publication of the Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) model. This year we have lots of exciting developments and events going on that we hope you can join in and show your support for game-based approaches (GBAs).

TGfU SIG Executive:

Linda Griffin
Jeroen Koekoek
David Gutierrez
Ellen Gambles
Jesse Rhoades
Roberto Sanchez Gomez
Shane Pill
Naoki Suzuki

Latest SIG Developments

Current Initiatives: We are in the process of reviewing our strategic plan and will be providing our community with updates shortly. Our primary focus is the 40th anniversary of TGfU. We hope you can continue joining us in celebrating this milestone!

IAB Professional Development Project: Throughout September and October, members of our IAB have been producing a series of webinars aimed at teachers/coaches/students who are new to GBAs. They have discussed five key concepts: (1) Tactical concepts/ problems, (2) Game modifications, (3) Question and Reflection, (4) Authentic Game Play Assessment, and (5) Lesson Planning & Structure of Lesson/Practice. We hope that we can continue the professional development project in the future providing our members with the latest research and practice. Visit the project at: <http://www.tgfu.info/professional-development-project.html>

New TGfU SIG Secretary

We would like to welcome Dr Jesse Rhoades as the new Secretary of the TGfU SIG Executive Board.

Jesse is an associate professor in the department of Education, Health, & Behavior Studies at the University of North Dakota. His educational background has fostered a diverse research skill set within Sport Pedagogy and Biomechanics. He has endeavored to use these skills in novel research topics and methodologies. To this end, non-linear pedagogy and its application within the physical education environment has been and continues to be a passion of his. He looks forward to working with the TGFU SIG and promoting this exciting instructional strategy.



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 GBAs, the TGfU SIG will be hosting a variety of events and initiatives throughout the year.

Webinars

Throughout the year, the TGfU SIG have hosted a series of webinars encompassing different topics within GBAs:

- February/March- "Assessing in GBAs" webinar series
- April- "Using Technologies to Promote Game-Based Approaches: Specific Case Studies" Webinar
- May- "TGfU and The Spectrum of Teaching Styles" Webinar
- June- "Equity in GBAs" webinar series
- July- "Global Lesson Study" with Naoki Suzuki and Mr Yasutaka Abe
- August- "Commonalities and Differences among the Various GBAs" Symposium
- September- "Games Based Pedagogies: Theory and Practice" Webinar
- September/October- IAB Professional Development webinar series
- October- "The Joy in Inventing Games" Webinar

To view the recordings please visit: <http://www.tgfu.info/40th-anniversary-webinars.html>

We have **6 more** webinars until the end of the year which include:

- November- "Teacher Reflection" Webinar
- November/December- "Learner-oriented teaching and assessment in GBAs" webinar series
- December- "Global Lesson Study" with Naoki Suzuki and Mr Kentaro Kubo

If you would like to attend any of these upcoming webinars, please contact tgfu.info@gmail.com

Special Blogs

During our 40th Anniversary celebration, there have also been a series of Special blogs written that discuss a variety of different models/approaches within the GBAs field. We are currently in the process of covering additional approaches/models and they will be added to our website shortly.

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

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

40th Anniversary Conference

When: 28th January 2023

Location: Online

2022 marked the 40th anniversary of the landmark publication of the Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) model, introduced by David Bunker and Rod Thorpe in the 1982 edition of the Bulletin of PE. This sparked a global movement in research and practice within the field of game-based approaches.

The TGfU Special Interest Group (TGfU SIG) would like to welcome you to our 40th Anniversary conference to conclude our celebratory year.

Founded as a Taskforce in 2002 and further ratified in 2008 under the auspices of AIESEP, the TGfU SIG is an international collective comprised of leaders in the field of physical education and sport using game-based approaches. We aim to establish an epistemic community with networks stretching across disciplinary, geographic, and cultural boundaries. This world-leading, inclusive, online international conference will take place on January 28th, 2023, and will host academics, teachers, sports coaches, and students from across the globe with an interest in game-based approaches.

The TGfU SIG calls for research and practice addressing the following themes and perspectives:

- Child & Youth Sport
- Teamwork, Fairness, and Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)
- Coach and teacher professional development
- Game curriculum planning, implementation, and assessment

The history of the TGfU SIG has been closely associated with issues of social justice, fairness, and inclusivity. Inclusivity extends beyond issues such as disability, gender, religion, and culture as has been demonstrated by recent events. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought into sharp focus the importance of physical education, sport and the health of our young people, and also reiterated the lack of parity in access for all. The integration and implementation of inclusive sport is a foremost concern for teachers, coaches and academics. The event will provide opportunities for academics and practitioners to engage in discussions of evidence-based practice for overcoming the challenges to, and further advancing, game-based approaches within a range of environments.

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

Call for Abstracts is NOW OPEN

Please download and complete the “Abstracts Submission Template” available on the above webpage, then email this to tgfu40thconference@gmail.com



Registration is NOW OPEN

Registration Closes: Monday 9th January 2023

Ticket Type	Cost
Academic	£35
Teacher/Coach	£30
Student	£20
Current Paid SIG member	£20

To register for our conference please click [here](#):

What is included in the registration fee:

- Access to the live conference day and subsequent recordings for up to a year
- Access to all the on demand presentations for up to a year
- Membership to the TGfU SIG for a year
- Access to a members only section of the TGfU SIG website with exclusive resources, webinars etc. for a year

Conference Schedule

Event	Time (EST)
Keynote 1 and Opening Ceremony	7.00 – 8.00
Break	8.00 - 8.15
TGfU SIG Town hall meeting	8.15 – 9.30
Break	9.30 - 9.45
Len Almond Award Lecture	9.45 – 10.45
Break	10.45 - 11.00
Conference Key Theme Discussions	11.00 – 12.00
Networking Opportunities	12.00 – 12.30
Lunch	12.30 – 13.15
GBA Experts Roundtable Discussion	13.15 – 14.15
Break	14.15 - 14.30
Keynote 2	14.30 – 15.30
Closing Ceremony	15.30 – 15.45
Conference Close	15.45

Processes and Timescales

Task	Deadline
Close of call for abstracts <small>*A possible extension of call for abstracts may be provided- subject to organising committee's decision</small>	1 st November 2022
Emailed receipt of abstract	Within 3 working days
Authors notified of decision	11 th November-16 th December 2022
Presentations deadline	20th January 2023
Registration opens	1 st October 2022
Registration closes	9 th January 2023
Final programme announced	4 th January 2023
Live Conference Day	28th January 2023

We hope you will be able to join us at our 40th Anniversary Conference to finalise the celebrations of our amazing milestone.

For further information please visit: <http://www.tgfu.info/40th-anniversary-conference.html> or if you have any questions please contact: tgfu40thconference@gmail.com

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.

- **August 2022 blog** was by David Cooper and Barrie Gordon about “Tactical Decision-Making in Sport: How Can Coaches Help Athletes Make Better In-Game Decisions?”.
- **August 2022 Special Edition blog** was by Dr. Kanae Haneishi and Professor. Tsuyoshi Matsumoto about “Applying Game-Based Approach in Early Childhood Education in Japan”
- **September 2022 blog** was by Aspasia Dania about “The messiness of Game-Based teaching”.

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



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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