

NUFS Workshop 2017

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Final Presentation

Date: March 24, 2018, 14:00-17:00 March 25, 2018, 9:00-11:30

Venue: Kanzanji Sago Royal Hotel (Hamamatsu, Shizuoka)

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The number of participants: 16



Comments from the participants

1. What did you think about the final presentation? What did you learn/notice?

- Final presentations were very interesting. It was good to hear presentations from teachers whom I don't share the monthly AR group with. Also, it was curious to see how many of us had the same problems and confusion.
- The final presentation helped with thinking about how all of my research is related and let me see the changes that appeared in a year.
- It was very good. It was useful especially to collect literature source for other perspectives.
- I realized how important teachers conduct AR. By doing AR, they can see themselves objectively and get data to improve their every-day teaching.

2. How do you feel of a monthly workshop? Did you learn any good ideas from the instructor? Which one(s) did you like the best? What kinds of topics do you want for future workshops?

- I love them. I'm interested in psychology and neuroscience, so I liked Curtis Kelly and Joseph.
- The quality of the monthly workshops is entirely dependent on the choice of presenter – most have been very valuable, but several suffered from poorly prepared material. Curtis Kelly's workshop was my No.1.
- The monthly workshop is fine. I do not feel it needs to be three hours long. I learned a lot from Lem in particular. I think more topics regarding technology is good.
- I think, sometimes, it would be good to know beforehand what to talk about. At times it was difficult for me to just go ahead and talk about my lessons.

3. What do you think of the action research project you have participated in 2017? Did it help you to improve your teaching skills?

- Yes, it helped me a lot. But there are too many things that I want to try.
- There were many tips and hints to improve my teaching skills. For example, I wanted to include free writing activity into my class because I thought it could help my students to prepare their writing assigned.
- I felt hard to implement new concept into my teaching context with other teachers, but I felt students' attitude toward English learning gradually improved.
- It's been a time consuming process but is quite valuable. Collaborating with other teachers has been the high point, and I feel more confident in my own teaching.

4. How can we improve this action research/ monthly workshop project? How can we attract more teachers? Please write your comment/advice.

- Word of mouth spreads fast.
- I don't like group presentations. They're too slow. Pairs or small groups, please.
- We need to get positive comments about our lessons and AR reports. It will encourage us to study more.
- Interesting topics will help attract more teachers and improve workshops. Invite some researchers that are important in a field of research.

Thank you for your cooperation to NUFs Workshops in AY2017.

We are looking forward to seeing you again in AY2018.