

Newsletter No. 11

Final Presentation

Date: March 29th-30th, 2025

Venue: Hotel Takeshima (Gamagori, Aichi)

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The number of participants: 11



Comments from the participants

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

- It was a good chance to reflect my activities and to listen to other teachers' presentations.
- I thought all of the presentations were really great. After seeing senior teachers' presentations, I realized that I still have a lot to learn.
- It was healthy to discuss on interrectional competence. During Q and A session, my classmate's question let me notice IC includes students' sdlf-assessment.
- I thought it was very helpful to see the thought processes of my peers. Many of us had similar literature review sections, so it was nice to compare and contrast with others.

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

- I'm always looking forward to attending monthly workshops. Discussion and talking with other attendances was fun.
- I really enjoyed and learned a lot every month. I especially liked Tomoko's workshop about fun activities in October.
- I really enjoyed Charles Brown's workshop on vocabulary and Mary Nobuoka's workshop on cooperative learning.
- Monthly workshops are very useful. As a beginner, it is very important to learn as much as possible. And as a MA student, it helps me to do my reseach.
- I appreciate the monthly workshops. I usually get some good ideas from the presenters. I liked Kelly's, Browne's and Elliot's workshops. I would like topics on teaching young learners and team teaching.



3. *What do you think of the action research project you have participated in 2024? Did it help you to improve your teaching skills?*

- Yes, it did. Every month's checking by professors and others was very helpful to make my lesson plan.
- I could change my English lessons better. What I learned this year dramatically changed my teaching style. I felt that my teaching skill has improved.
- Definitely! I received feedback from professors and learned from other students.
- As a second-year student, I recall I gave more comments to classmates. It was beneficial to reflect on my teaching and research.
- I think I still need to greatly improve my AR but it did help me to improve my teaching. I feel a large gap in what I and other students can do.

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

- We should share our AR and the results with our coworkers and teach English together.
- I think promotion could help. At my school, the principal shares an online link in school LINE groups about JALT events. Maybe one or two teachers can try it.



The next workshop will be held in May 2025.

New schedule is uploaded here:

<https://www.nufs.ac.jp/workshop/news/>

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