

TED CUE SIG Joint Forum at JALT2015

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For the past three years, I have had the pleasure and privilege of co-coordinating the annual TD-CUE Forum at JALT National Conference with Wendy Gough of CUE SIG. The fifth installation of this forum at JALT2015 in Shizuoka was possibly our most stimulating yet, with a packed room of engaged attendees and presenters armed with exciting stories to share. This year's theme was "Learning with the learners: Stories of student input leading to changes in teaching practice." We asked presenters to reflect on their experiences and describe one episode when student feedback led to some kind of transformation in their teaching. The presentations were conducted over two sessions, simultaneously to rotating small groups in informal PechaKucha style. Specific topics ranged from healthy regulation of teacher-student interaction on social media to expansion of the use of peer feedback on speaking tasks. The forum maintained a focused coherence throughout these various topics thanks to the unifying theme of teacher's professional development through narrative inquiry. Professor Jean-Marc Dewaele, visiting from Birckbeck University of London, moderated a final discussion which further connected the important lessons of the stories, and encouraged attendees to continue learning from and with their students.

Please enjoy the papers from this forum, and consider joining us again in Nagoya this November. The sixth forum's theme will be "The process of teacher development: Transformative moments", and promises to offer more insight on our journeys to improve ourselves as educators.

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