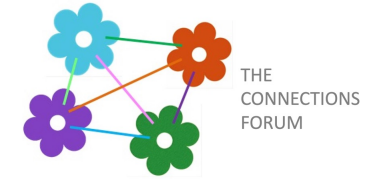


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November 19 & 20th
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9:20 – 9:50

Opening words by Professor Hiroaki Kawabata, Vice President, Aichi Prefectural University
'Five Perspectives on Pride and Diversity'

10:00 – 11:00

Parallel Sessions 1

11:15 – 12:15

Parallel Sessions 2

12:15 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:00

Parallel Sessions 3

14:15 – 15:15

'Interesting People Doing Important Things' Meet & Greet Event: TELL, ASTA, AIMO, Doors to Asylum (DAN), School Non-Attendance NPOs, Dive TV Brazilian Youth Group Righetti, Appleseed NPO, Food Support for Refugees NPO, and more!

15:30 – 16:30

Parallel Sessions 4

16:45 – 17:30 Pride in Diversity Panel Discussion

SATURDAY 11/19 SESSIONS AT A GLANCE



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| | 1 Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health | 1 Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health | 2 LGBTQ+ & Allies | 3 Autism / Learning Differences / School | 4 Multicultural Identity, Diversity & Inclusion | 5 Human Rights, Political Repression, Support |
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| Parallel Session 1 10:00 – 11:00 | Sarah Pearlz, School Psychologist, North Clackamas School District (Zoom) 'Stress: How Do I Feel About It, and How to Make it Work for Me' | Koji Nakamura, Company Employee; Takeshi Naruse, Director, Appleseed (Human Library) 'Living in Japan as a Japanese person who is not good at communicating in Japanese' | Seiko Matsuoka, Director, ASTA (Presentation & Human Library) 'How ASTA Fosters Understanding and Inclusion of the LGBTQ+ Community through Education' | Yoshimi Okubo, Kozoji New Town Oya no Kai; Naoki Sawai, Connect Spot; Mie Omura, Machiai-shitsu 'Dialogue on School Non-Attendance' (A guided discussion) | Kinota Braithwaite, Anti-Racism, Anti-Bullying, Author & Youth Speaker, 'Battling Racism and Bullying through Books' | Maho Hidaka, Coordinator; Sumire Kanda, Employment Project Advisor, DAN 'Refugees living in Japan and Activities of Door to Asylum Nagoya (DAN)' |
| Parallel Session 2 11:15 – 12:15 | Haley Waggener, Kansai Outreach Coordinator, TELL 'Building Healthy Relationships: Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships and Preventing Violence' | Andrea Carlson, Associate Professor, Aichi Prefectural University; Raiha Urabe, Graduate Student, Aichi Prefectural University 'What Do Secondary Students at Japanese and International Schools Worry About?' | Ibuki Shibaya, Director, AIMO 'Creating a New Space for LGBTQ+ English-Language Speakers and Allies' | Dr. Maria Vassileva, Associate Professor, Nagoya University (Human Library) 'Why we chose the Aichi Steiner School for our Native Japanese-proficient Daughter' | Nina Radcliffe, PYP Coordinator, Nagoya International School 'Fostering Belonging with Multicultural Identities' | Shibobu Mukai, Talayoshi Endo, Kenichiro Yagi, Koyumi Ito, Tatsuya Ota, Food Support for Refugees, 'Refugee Assistance and Efforts in Providing Food Assistance to Refugees' |
| Parallel Session 3 13:00 – 14:00 | Haley Waggener, Kansai Outreach Coordinator, TELL 'Suicide Awareness and Prevention: An Overview' | Dr. Maria Vassileva, Associate Professor, Nagoya University 'Is Nutrition Important for Your Mental Well-being?' | Tulika Bathija, EAL/English Secondary Teacher, Nagoya International School; Umico Niwa, Artist; Andrea Carlson, Associate Professor, Aichi Prefectural University 'What Does an LGBTQ+ Diversity-affirming School Look Like?' | Eugene Ryan, Associate Professor, Toyohashi University of Technology 'Autism, Communication, and Role-playing Games' | Josh Brunotte, Lecturer, Aichi Prefectural University; Anqi Hu, Assistant Professor, Ibaraki University 'Promoting Better Relationships with Japan's Culturally Diverse Community through Vicarious Contact' | Fraidoon Farzad, 'Outcome of Conflict in Afghanistan: Our Journey from Public Servants to Asylum-Seekers' Razia Joya, Graduate student, Nagoya University 'Fighting for the Rights of Women and Girls in Afghanistan' |
| Parallel Session 4 15:30 – 16:30 | Saya Niwa, CBT Therapist, Marie Curie ITN Early-Stage Researcher, PhD Fellow, Wroclaw Medical University (Zoom), 'Self Help Strategies: Practical CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) Techniques to Manage Anxiety and Low Mood' | Lil Willis, Psychotherapist, Openings Family Counselling; English Counselling Kansai (Zoom) 'The Difference that Makes a Change and the Change that Makes a Difference: How a Systemic Perspective Helps in Complex Situations' | Avril Haye Matsui, Instructor, Nagoya City University; Ibuki Shibaya, AIMO; Sakia Hovde, Connections Forum 'An (Intersectional) Discussion about Dealing with Microaggressions' (A guided discussion) | Francis Saez, Learning Support Secondary Teacher, Nagoya International School; Kyoko Seto, Learning Support Specialist, Aichi Prefectural University 'A Guided Discussion about Dyslexia & Learning Differences' | Marcio Saiki, Photographer 'A Viewpoint on Discrimination and the Brazilian Community Living in Japan' | Mehrnoush Majdazari, Graduate Student, University of Tübingen/Aichi Prefectural University 'Dealing With the Current Protests in Iran as a German-Iranian Graduate Student in Japan' |



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12:45 – 13:00 Wrap up & Next Steps



SUNDAY 11/20 WOKSHOPS AT A GLANCE

Workshops Room A

Parallel Session 1
9:30 – 11:00
Michi Saki
Associate Professor, Doshisha Women's College of Liberal Arts
'Empowering Ourselves, Strengthening our Community'

Parallel Session 2
11:15 – 12:45
Avril Haye Matsui
Instructor, Nagoya City University
'Empowerment through Self Care'

Workshops Room B

Maia Bassett
ELC Teacher, Nagoya International School
'The Beauty of Uncertainty'

Workshops Room C

AJU Independent Living Center, My Life Helper Agency West
'Wheelchair Explorers!'

Sports event led by NPO Nikomaru
Dance event led by Nintei NPO Popeye
Logistical support by NPO Peace Tolerance
'Move! Mixed up Sports and Dance Festival'