

Great News!

MASH, with the support of The University of Birmingham Centre for English Language Studies, invites YOU, to participate as either a presenter or as an observer, at two one-day, “MASH IT UP” mini-conferences to be held in Japan in early 2008.

The first “MASH IT UP” mini-conference will be held in Osaka on January 27th, 2008, at Seibo Jogakuin Girls High School, http://www.seibo.ed.jp/osaka-hs/access/index_kouiki.html located halfway between Osaka and Kyoto. It is a rare opportunity to spend a full day with fellow Birmingham students, tutors and graduates, watching presentations and working together to offer support and feedback.

The Tokyo “MASH IT UP” event will be on May 25th, 2008, at a location to be announced.

Enhancing presentation skills are invaluable to one’s professional development. Whether there is a topic in ELT about which you have something to say, or an area you’ve researched for an essay, there is now a supportive Birmingham forum for you to share your knowledge and gain further feedback. There are two formats available for presentations:

20 min. Talk
Plus 10 min. for Q&A

40 min. Workshop
Plus 10 min. for Q&A

For tips and ideas to help you get started, check out any of the following excellent sites related to TALKS and Workshops:

TED Talks homepage www.ted.com

Randy Pausch Talk <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=362421849901825950&hl=en>

Presentation Zen <http://www.garrreynolds.com/Presentation/index.html>

What makes good workshops? <http://jillaine.blogspot.com/2005/09/what-makes-good-workshop.html>

Participatory workshops <http://www.aidsmap.com/en/docs/23E50A3C-50E7-4677-9433-2200A3CEA86F.asp>

After these two events, CELS will invite up to 6 presenters to present to fellow MA students at the Summer Seminar in Hiroshima 2008 (Travel and one night accommodation will be paid by CELS). The invited presenters will be chosen by three MASH panellists: Paul Moritoshi, Philip Brown and Steve Herder.

If you’re interested, but not sure where to begin, please look through the links or simply contact any one of the following MASH team for more information including: an application form, deadline information, a feedback sheet, a MASH IT UP schedule, and more tips on presenting:

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