



7th International Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) Conference

5th – 7th July 2022, University of Worcester, UK.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

On behalf of the organising committee of TGfU2022, we are delighted to invite abstracts of papers to be presented at the conference. There are several ways to present your work at TGfU2022 and the various options available to you are outlined here. Your abstract must be aligned either to one of the three major themes and/or to one of the four sub-themes which together form the focus areas of the conference. It would also be helpful to know whether you consider your work to be most applicable to teachers, coaches or researchers (or all three groups).

Please note that if you had an abstract originally accepted for TGfU2020 or TGfU2021 (online), then you do not need to submit another abstract here. If you have had an abstract accepted previously, we will be in touch regarding your intentions for TGfU2022.

The three major themes are inclusion, integration and implementation.

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Inclusion:

Inclusion is a universal human right and compels individuals and institutions to embrace all people irrespective of, for example, disability, gender, race or religion. At the heart of an inclusive practitioner lies the desire to give equal access, parity of opportunity and to eliminate discrimination at all levels. Inclusion represents one of the most pressing contemporary challenges for practitioners across the globe and is particularly pertinent in the fields of physical education and sport.

Integration:

Integration necessitates consideration of how TGfU and Games-Centred Approaches (GCA) can be helpful models across different contexts and cultures. This theme explores how TGfU and GCA models have been integrated into established systems such as formal coach education provision and into ever increasingly diverse cultural applications. This theme explores how such approaches have been put into operation, the benefits which have been enjoyed and the challenges involved with embedding what are often quite radical changes to pedagogic practice. This theme considers how these models have been applied and further suggests how the reach and influence of TGfU and GCA might continue to grow across the global sports pedagogy community.

Implementation:

The implementation of TGfU and GCA continues to feature strongly within the pedagogic literature. This theme builds on two areas of contemporary work which have resonated strongly across the discipline in recent years. The first addresses the connection between complexity thinking, ecological systems and TGfU/GCA. The second area considers the increasing focus on the cognitive, affective and physical activity-related benefits of deploying

a TGfU/GCA approach. The global shift towards physical education and competitive sport as a medium through which to enhance participant mental health and tackling the widespread deficit in physical activity ensure that such areas of focus will grow substantially in the coming years.

In addition to these major themes, the sub-themes for the conference comprise:

- Scientifically-informed approaches
- Technologically-advanced practice
- Teacher and coach education
- Cross-cultural domains

In order to submit your abstract, please complete the relevant TGfU2022 submission form (<https://ucw.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/tgfu2022-abstract-submission>) including an abstract of up to 500 words here by 3pm on Friday 10th December 2021. A further call may well be made in early 2022.

Following submission, each abstract will be peer-reviewed by two members of the scientific committee and you will subsequently be notified by email of our decision as to whether to accept your submission.

Reviewing criteria for all types of submission:

- Clarity of focus
- Originality and/or rigour of the research or contribution to practice
- Significance of the research for TGfU/GCA practice, policy or theory

Types of abstract submission:

1. Traditional oral presentation

Oral presentations will feature a 15-minute delivery followed by up to five minutes of questions from the audience. The focus on a traditional oral presentation is normally to disseminate the results of a single research project. Each oral presentation will be organised into a theme strand of two or three other papers to form a parallel session. Each parallel session will be chaired by a member of the TGfU2022 scientific committee.

2. Symposium or workshop

Proposals are invited to host a symposium or workshop comprising a number of contributing presenters. The focus of a symposium or workshop could, for example, be to disseminate a body of work from a research team or bring-together related work from diverse international contexts. Each symposium or workshop is limited to 75 minutes and a minimum of four presenters must contribute. The symposium or workshop could feature either practical and/or theoretical elements. There is no maximum number of presenters. Each symposium or workshop will be chaired by a member of the TGfU2022 scientific committee.

3. Practical workshops

A small number of abstracts will be accepted to deliver practical workshops. The focus of practical workshops should be to showcase new practical ideas and should strongly reflect one of the conference's main themes of inclusion, integration or implementation. Practical workshops will run for 75 minutes and should be led by at least two presenters.

4. Five slides in five minutes

As the title suggests, you will deliver a five-minute presentation supported by a maximum of five PowerPoint slides. The presentation will be followed by a maximum of two minutes of questions from the audience. The ‘five slides in five minutes’ presentations will be coordinated by a member of the TGfU2022 scientific committee. Following the presentations, an extended discussion and networking time will be facilitated to enable further explorations of the studies presented.

Processes and timescales:

Task	Deadline
Close of call for abstracts	3pm, Friday 10 th December 2021
Emailed receipt of abstract	Within two working days of submission
Authors notified of decision	Friday 17 th December 2021
Very early bird registration opens	Tuesday 30 th November 2021
Very early bird registration closes	Friday 7 th January 2022
Early bird registration closes	Friday 11 th February 2022
Presenting authors to be registered	Friday 25 th March 2022
Final programme announced	Friday 8 th April 2022
Delegate registrations close	Monday 6 th June 2022

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