

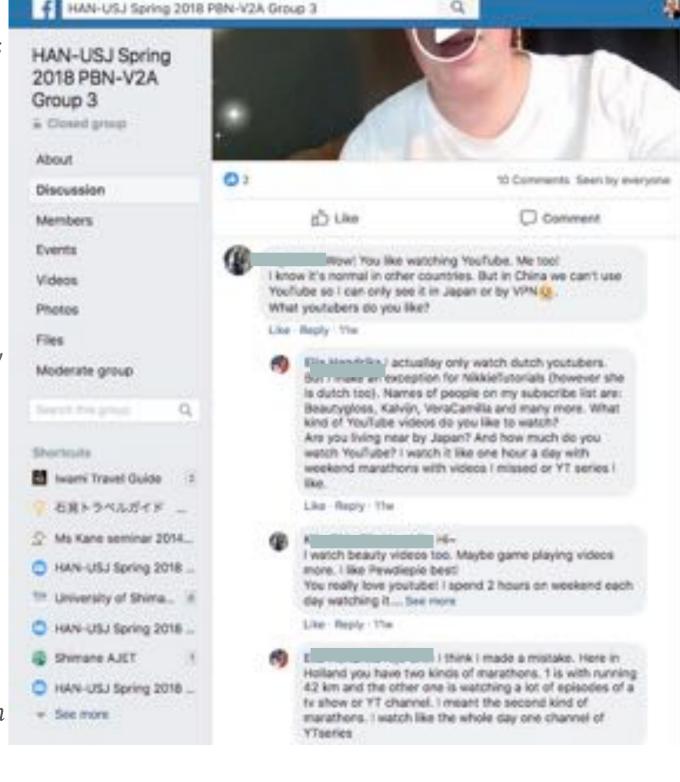


Content-rich classes for intercultural education

Month-long links
using
social media
on five set topics,
ending in a
collaborative
project created by
two students

Mainly asynchronous

Students can practice what they've learned in class







Synchronous links with Theatre Studies Majors in East Carolina University



Synchronous link where students explain a Japanese story to Theatre majors



#### PLUS POINTS OF THESE PROJECTS

- ➤ Linguistically focused good practice (Dr Dobson)
- ➤ Attention to accuracy
- ➤ <u>Usually</u> get feedback from partner when meaning is affected
- Opportunities to use new language, and explain new knowledge (Japanese religious practices)
- ➤ Extended Utterances
- ➤ Range of genres (informal chat with partner, more formal for joint presentations, written English for reflective report)
- ➤ Chances for student to use language outside the classroom (particularly important in Japan)
- ➤ (For me) I work with content specialists during the synchronous links

#### MAJOR ISSUES IN MY OWN CLASSROOMS

➤ <u>Time</u>: 90-minute lessons per week

➤ <u>Content</u>: many students can't answer questions from overseas students, not because they don't understand the question but because they don't know about their own country in depth

➤ <u>Language</u>: sometimes students can answer but not in a way which is appropriate for the subject

➤ <u>Feedback</u>: difficult during a live link

### WHAT I'M TAKING AWAY FROM THE SEMINAR (1)

"Slow Education for Deeper Learning"

➤ I need to learn more about this

➤ Work more with my content specialist partners overseas to find what language my students need to work with their partners

➤ Allow time for students to master content and technology. That means reorganizing some of my courses

# WHAT I'M TAKING AWAY FROM THE SEMINAR (2)

Sustainability

➤ Encourage my colleagues to use CLIL

➤ Teacher training with the technology and the core goals

➤ Creation of new curriculum my university from 2021 with CLIL firmly embedded: planning a progression from easier projects to more challenging ones from first year to fourth year

### WHAT I'M TAKING AWAY FROM THE SEMINAR (3)

#### ➤ <u>Pluriliteracies</u>:

"Deep learning - by which we understand the successful internalization of conceptual knowledge and the automatization of subject specific procedures/skills and strategies – only occurs if learners are taught how to express their knowledge appropriately." (<a href="https://pluriliteracies.ecml.at/">https://pluriliteracies.ecml.at/</a>)

- Work with my content specialist colleagues to better understand subject literacy in English in their field
- ➤ To demonstrate understanding, digital expression is not just a fun add-on but indispensable
- ➤ My students need more guidance and I need to update my skills too e.g use more virtual reality.
- ➤ Secure funding for technology and training

## WHAT I'M TAKING AWAY FROM THE SEMINAR (4)

➤ And a whole host of ideas from listening to the presenters and also from talking with other participants

# Thank you to everyone!