

Call for Papers

You are cordially invited to submit proposals for the first issue of the Learner Development Journal, to be published in the Spring of 2017.

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The Learner Development Journal is the online, open-access journal of the JALT Learner Development SIG. Published once a year, *The Learner Development Journal* is devoted to practitioner-driven research, reviews and interviews exploring learner development issues in second language education.

The Learner Development Journal (<http://ld-sig.org/ld-journal-concept/>) represents a commitment to group-based professional development and shared exploration. It provides a forum to explore issues related to specific learner development themes in a collaborative and supportive environment.

Each issue of *The Learner Development Journal* contains five to seven papers of varying lengths related to the common theme, reviews of key texts, an interview with or a contribution from a key teacher/researcher in the field, and an introduction and conclusion written by the issue editor(s) to provide an overview and context to the whole collection of work. Contributors will work with each other to read and respond to one another's work during the research and writing process. We are especially interested in practitioner research, student participatory research, and co-authored works.

The Theme of LD Journal Issue 1 (Spring 2017)

The theme of the first issue will be “**Visualising Learner Development**”. Research and writing that is related (but not limited) to the following topics is particularly welcome:

Computer-mediated visualisation

Digital storytelling

L2 self images

Language learning histories

Metaphors for teaching and learning

Representations of motivation

Visual narratives

Other areas of visualization relevant to learner development (please specify in your proposal if this applies to you)

Full articles will be between 5000 and 7000 words. We are also interested in book reviews (or annotated reading lists), stories and interviews.

Submission Process

February 7th, 2016	Deadline for submission of proposals
February 22nd, 2016	Acceptance of proposals
March/April 2016	Sharing research interests and plans with other contributors
May/June 2016	Talking through first research notes
September/October 2016	Talking through research development and analysis
November/December 2016	First complete draft and peer feedback
January 2017	Final drafts
February/March 2017	Editing and finalization
April/May 2017	Publication

Initial inquiries and proposals should be directed to darrenreliott@gmail.com or hnicoll@gmail.com

Please submit the following information in a Word document or via the Google form at <https://goo.gl/NBPx6J>

Name (s):

Affiliation (s):

Email:

Member of JALT LD SIG? Yes / No

Title of your contribution:

Proposal: Approximately 400 to 600 words for a research article. Please email the editor to discuss other contributions.