



seniors in the
knowledge
society



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Forschendes Lernen (Learning by research)

Older people take up and work on research subjects.

Their experiences and their point of view are taken into account in the research questions.

„Dynamic execution or process of research and reflections on which learners participate“



General aspects of the method

- Choice of the subjects on one's own by the learners
- Independent strategy especially decisions in the choice of possible methods, set-up of experiments, enquiries etc.
- The corresponding unlimited risk of errors and of making detours on one hand and on the other the opportunities for chance findings, „productive moments“, unexpected by-products
- The necessity to meet the requirements of the science





„Learning by research“ at the ZAWiW

- single work of senior learners
- work in project groups
- participation of senior learners in research projects of departments of Ulm University



Evaluation of seniors

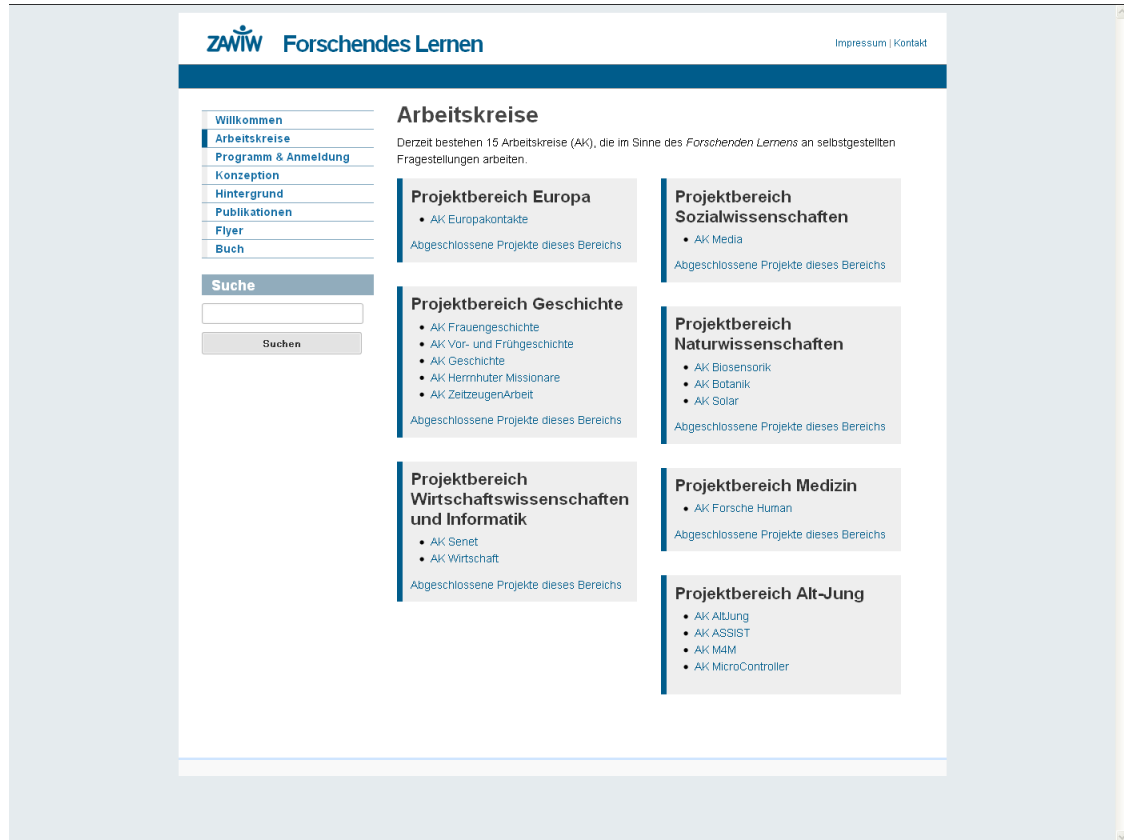
- positive evaluation because of the use and the profit of competences
- motivation: interest in the subjects, social benefits
- benefit by process- and earnings-orientated co-operation with persons with different background and without formal hierarchy
- negative evaluation because of unequal work burdens and because of a lack of public appreciation for senior researchers

Source: http://www.forschendes-lernen.de/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/gewinn_fuer_alle_weiterbildung_10_08.pdf

Currently 15 working groups „Learning by research“ at ZAWiW

in the following fields:

- Europe
- History
- Economy and computer science
- Social sciences
- Nature sciences
- Medicine
- Old and young



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 Suchen

Arbeitskreise
 Derzeit bestehen 15 Arbeitskreise (AK), die im Sinne des *Forschenden Lernens* an selbstgestellten Fragestellungen arbeiten.

- Projektbereich Europa**
 - AK Europakontakte
 Abgeschlossene Projekte dieses Bereichs
- Projektbereich Sozialwissenschaften**
 - AK Media
 Abgeschlossene Projekte dieses Bereichs
- Projektbereich Geschichte**
 - AK Frauengeschichte
 - AK Vor- und Frühgeschichte
 - AK Geschichte
 - AK Herrnhuter Missionare
 - AK ZeitzeugenArbeit
 Abgeschlossene Projekte dieses Bereichs
- Projektbereich Naturwissenschaften**
 - AK Biosensorik
 - AK Botanik
 - AK Solar
 Abgeschlossene Projekte dieses Bereichs
- Projektbereich Wirtschaftswissenschaften und Informatik**
 - AK Senet
 - AK Wirtschaft
 Abgeschlossene Projekte dieses Bereichs
- Projektbereich Medizin**
 - AK Forsch Human
 Abgeschlossene Projekte dieses Bereichs
- Projektbereich Alt-Jung**
 - AK AlJung
 - AK ASSIST
 - AK M4M
 - AK MicroController

One of them: AK Media (working group Media)

Examination of phenomenons of

- web 2.0
- social media
- online communities

Consideration of new Internet applications



Analyse of their usefulness for seniors by taking an overview of new developments at first and then by testing applications in the fields of virtual cooperation and online communities.



New field of the AK Media: „Europe“

Participation in the learning
partnership SeniorsKS

Inclusion of seniors who don't come from the Ulm region by
online collaboration tools

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New examination field „DALEC“

Subject „Values and ways along
the Danube“

New method:
Online lecture series

Partners:

Donaubüro and ZAWiW, Ulm (Germany)

Kirchliche Pädagogische Hochschule, Wien (Austria)

University of Belgrade (Serbia)

Andrássy University Budapest (Hungary)

University Craiova (Romania)

ZAWiW University Ruse „Angel Kančov“ (Bulgaria)

**Danube-Workers-Online-Lectures
(DALEC)**

Werte und Wege entlang der Donau

Idea of DALEC (www.donaubuero.de/dalec)



5 lectures (2 x Ulm, Belgrade, Wien, Budapest):

- for life audience at the 6 locations (synchronous by Adobe Connect)
- for virtual audience (asynchronous via podcasts on the DALEC website www.donaubuero.de/dalec)
- discussion platform about the lectures (asynchronous)



Values and ways along the Danube

18.01.12: Values for old and young in the Danube region
creating identity

01.02.12: Worth of the education in the Danube region

07.03.12: Buildings as power stations – the basis of a solar
energy economy

09.05.12: Democratic values and rights of minorities

10.07.12: Knowledge society and new media as a chance for
the Danube region

Invitation for a SeniorsKS activity

- Watch the podcasts
- Register for the forum
- Read contributions of others
- Write own contributions





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