







Seniors as mentors in intergenerational Learning

Building Bridges Between the Generations

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Project example 1: Ulm 3-generation University

Children, scientists of Ulm University and seniors research together, experiment and embark on a discovery trip through the university.

The seniors guide the children through the University and give assistance in the experiments and other activities.







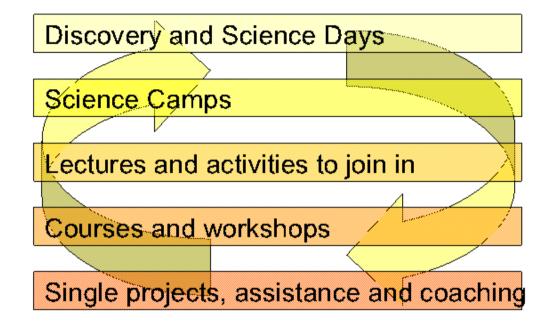






Structure of Ulm's 3-generation-university







Scientists
Students (teachers in future)



KOJALA – Internet exchange

Virtual working groups and courses, forums, expert chats, controlled list of links



Project example 3: Fang An! Life and job planning

Senior consultants help young people to find their professional orientation

– what can I do – what do I want – where are my opportunities?







In cooperation with the labour exchange Ulm

Project example 3: Schülerfirma (Pupils' company) – Ulm Weststadt

Young people set up a "training enterprise" supported by seniors from the learning network KOJALA













Project example 4: ASSIST

Active Partnership and Support of Senior Consultants for International Students

Seniors assist foreign students of English master study courses of Ulm University in their cultural integration in Germany.





Other examples of ZAWiW's intergenerational work: Virtual learning projects and activities such as "Reading Together", "Globalisation" and others





Special aspects of intergenerational learning

Seniors

- are no teachers, they do not give marks
- their success is not measured (only) by learning results, but by the motivation and active participation of children/youth
- Both generations profit (win:win)



Seniors as experts

Seniors as experts transfer

- practical professional knowledge
- specific experiences

- expert skills
- ability to explain
- empathy



Seniors as dialogue partners

Seniors as dialogue partners

- lead a discussion
- handle conflicts
- foster the development of opinions
- strengthen young people's personality

- ability to communicate, rhetorical competences
- curiosity, interest
- ability to express themselves well
- joy of discussing things
- tolerance, acceptance
- ability to handle conflicts
- sense of humour



Seniors as persons learning together with young people

Seniors as persons learning together with young people transfer

- joy of learning together and benefit
- from the views and successes of the other generation

- motivation to learn new things
- interest in a subject/a task
- joy of learning together
- interest in the other generation



Seniors as coaches

Seniors as coaches / learning assistants are able to

- foster younger people's personalities
- support their work improvement
- recognise and support talented people
- give practical life aid

- ability for contact and communication
- patience, high frustration tolerance
- reliability
- trustworthiness
- empathy
- ability to set limits



Seniors as moderators

Seniors as moderators care

- for a balanced discussion situation
- facilitate the participation of all discussion partners

- fast ability for comprehension
- ability to structure
- acceptance of different opinions
- inner distance
- ability to reflect
- ability to express themselves well
- personal authority



Helpers need help - pedagogical support is needed to plan and implement (old-young) projects successfully



SiGeL – training and service point for intergenerational learning



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