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Dabei nimmt es Bildungsangebote in den Fokus, die einen Gegenwartsbezug der Geschichte herausstellen und bietet einen Erfahrungsaustausch über historisch-politische Bildung in Europa an.

Excerpt from a Participant's Journal:

It took me a day before I could write down how I felt during our interview with the eyewitness, Mr. Anatolij Iwanowitsch Kuleschov. For me, and many others in the group felt the same, this interview was the highlight of the project. It was its true purpose.

I couldn't really come to terms with the interview method as it required a degree of severity and composure that I don't possess. I find it hard to stay composed when living through what is almost the self-destruction of a person's ego as well as the cruelty of war and violence. Nevertheless, I thought the questions were good, though I still had a bad feeling - I don't know why?!

(...) I don't know what this interview means for me personally though I feel I have benefited from it a great deal and I have been able to gain a new and broad insight into experienced history. I also don't know why I felt so empty inside afterwards, a feeling that was almost painful. I had tried to find an explanation or a meaning this interview could have for me, but I couldn't find anything suitable. We managed to get what we wanted and our questions were answered with a lot of valuable information. However, I thought it was a shame that the personal element, the emotional, remained on the periphery.

(...) The most memorable moment in our interview with this concentration camp survivor was a very emotional one: Responding to the question about his personal lowest point, his worst experience, he described a situation in the camp which almost cost him his life. (...) I was close to tears as I could see how humanity could manage to survive even in such a hostile place. This moved me deeply.

*André Sterzel, 19 years old*