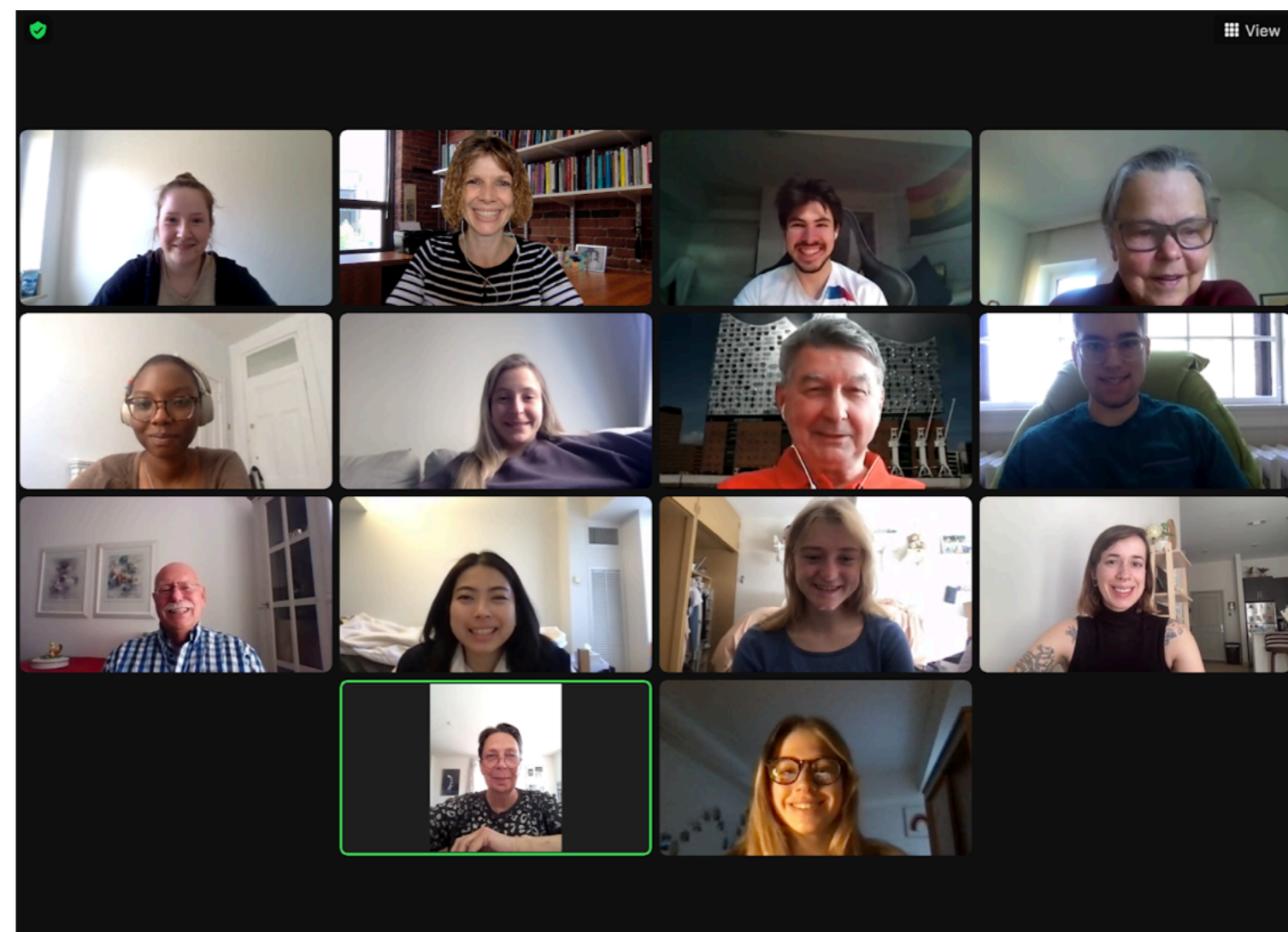


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Freunde alter Menschen e.V.
les petits frères des Pauvres

"We were able to connect about many diverse topics which was surprising and thought provoking. It surprised me to learn how much my partner enjoys technology. We bonded about how we want to use technology to promote a fair platform for stories. I thought that our intergenerational difference would be very large. However, this notion was challenged when my partner shared stories about paragliding and his passion for exercise."



"I spoke with an elder from Hamburg on two occasions over Zoom. We discussed her life – her hobbies, family, and childhood – and found that we had a surprising amount in common. Learning about my partner was invigorating, and I found myself surprised at every turn in our conversations."

"My speaking partner, Margret, was quick to break the ice and was immediately quite warm and patient with me and through that kindness I was able to build my speaking confidence, even if I was making a lot of mistakes."

"Because she was born in a different generation, my partner obviously experienced different things throughout her life which influenced her perspective, but if anything this only enriched our conversations."

"My partner offered meaningful lessons and advice that I will definitely remember throughout my life. Hajo said to make sure to travel as much as I can and to take advantage of the opportunities in front of me."

"The intercultural and intergenerational differences made our conversations more enriching and interesting. We were able to talk about history and politics, where the intercultural and intergenerational differences only helped add interesting perspectives and take in the conversation."

"I learned so much from Karin, especially during our second conversation. She reminded me a lot of my Oma based on the things that she had experienced and the stories that she could tell regarding the Berlin Wall. Karin said the most important thing in life is human connection and experiencing things."

"My partner was struggling in life. The pandemic created a barrier to her enjoying to sing in church; her family was disconnected from her - and what seemed to be the most preeminent topic taking space in her mind - injustice in Ukraine. It was interesting to hear that the sentiments at home in the US resonated even more ardently in Germany. My partner reported anguish and discontent with the situation, referencing Putin as psychotic. Perhaps Putin should have a conversation with Frau Barbara - a conscientious, kind, sensitive, and resilient person who I know could very well instill some sense in him...My partner is a tough cookie, and I am happy I could learn from her."