

Webinars in extracurricular Low German teaching

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Since 2019, the "Competence Centre for the Teaching of Low German" in cooperation with the "Länderzentrum Niederdeutsch" (LZN) in Bremen has been offering webinars "Low German for Mecklenburg-Vorpommern". The aim of these free online language courses is to teach receptive and productive knowledge of Low German, a regional language which is used by a decreasing number of speakers, especially in Northern Germany. This method of language teaching is suitable for those who do not have the opportunity to learn from local speakers in their region or in a local course. This paper analyses how new speakers of Low German use this open educational resource. It focuses on typical participants, teaching methods and first evaluation results.