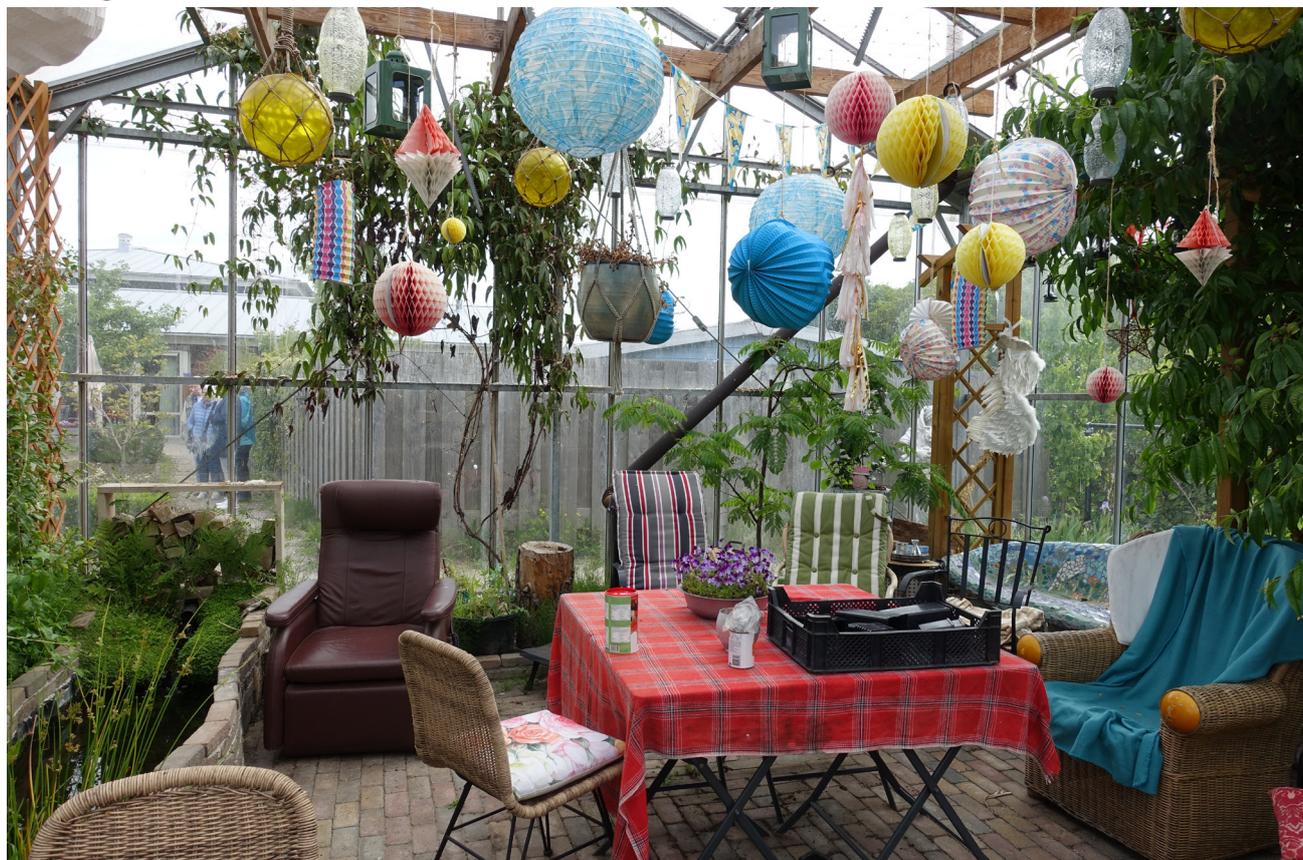


# Architecture and Dwelling

## MSc2 Towards an Inclusive Living Environment

### Living with Care



Collective gardenhouse, photograph, B. Jurgenhake

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Code	AR0216
Credits	15 ECTS
Location	The Hague
Excursion	To Site
Costs	-

\*Only for MSC2 projects

Project type [Practice related]

Approved Master 2 Yes  
Architecture design project

The MSc 2 Studio 'Towards an inclusive living environment' focuses on the aging society, a society that asks for architectural designs in which people can grow old. At this moment our living environments are not well-equipped for this. This often results in loneliness or neglect of the elderly, who then have to take the sad and unavoidable step to leave their familiar living environment and search for another place, often a nursing home.

*What if we could create living environments for mixed communities, co-housing, where the elderly live among others and can be informally supported as well as empowered to keep a purpose in life?*

For spring '22 we have chosen the neighbourhood of Moerwijk South in The Hague, where a higher percentage of elderly live and loneliness is a huge problem.

How and where do the elderly live now and where are their social networks? Could they live together and if so, what would they need? Where and how could we realize co-housing?

We will speak to the elderly in this neighbourhood, search critically for places to redesign, look at the existing houses that could be transformed as well as new spots to create a new concept for living together. Alternatives are very little at this moment, let alone close by. Next to this challenge Moerwijk South needs to improve climate adaptivity and bio-diversity.

We will start the studio with human centered research using techniques from ethnography and anthropology to conduct information about the inhabitants of the neighbourhood and the elderly in special.

*How do people want to live when they get old and more vulnerable? What kind of home do they demand and what do they need to stay involved in their environment?*

You will go into the neighbourhood and do observational studies and interviews as well as a profound study of the neighbourhood. After this research phase, you will discuss and create a vision for the future of the neighbourhood in small groups.

*Can certain houses be transformed? Is there place for new houses to realize co-housing?* Models and design solutions for new concepts of co-habitation in an inclusive living environment will be developed.

These new concepts could be created on different scales: a network of small co-housing and supportive buildings, the transformation of the existing family houses or the design of a new building. The inclusive environment asks for various solutions. You make your own choice and you will then elaborate on an architectural design for more or less 36 apartments.

The studio will be supported by a team of externals. Among them the municipality, housing associations, 'Centrum Groepswoon' in The Hague, an elderly initiative and architects.