

# Architecture & Dwelling

## MSc2\_Living with Care: Towards an Inclusive Living Environment



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### Tutors

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

*\*Only for MSc2 projects*

Project type	Practice related
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Approved Master 2 Yes  
Architecture design project

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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. Municipalities are responsible for ensuring that people are able to live independently and participate in society for as long as possible. However, our living environments are not well-equipped for this. Isolation, loneliness or neglect of the elderly are often seen results.

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

Living at home for as long as possible, with others around, with help from the district may be the solution for the near future.

For spring '23 we have chosen the neighbourhood of Loosduinen in The Hague, where a higher percentage of elderly live. Loosduinen is a fascinating and versatile district.

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 mixed communities? 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 of living together. Alternatives are very little at this moment, let alone close by.

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

Can certain houses be transformed? Is there place for new houses to realize mixed communities? 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 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 Groepswoonen' in The Hague, urbanists an elderly initiative and architects.