

Designing Homes for Healthy Cognitive Ageing

The DesHCA Project

Barriers to an Age Friendly Future

Both the general public and professionals often lack knowledge around home design, and the role design can play in supporting people living with cognitive impairment

A stigmatised and limiting understanding of what age inclusive design can look like and who can benefit from it contributes to limited engagement and poor outcomes

This lack of knowledge contributes to a tendency to imagine and create age inclusive homes for others that we would not wish for ourselves

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The DesHCA project has collected data from and engaged with over 700 older adults, designers, housing providers and professionals since 2021 through creative mapping, professional interviews, VR design workshops and more to better understand what good age inclusive housing looks like, and the steps needed to create it



Designing for the Future

Be sensitive to differences in how adaptations are viewed by older people and professionals

View adaptations as a continuation of the positive changes people have been making to their homes throughout their lives

Promote home designs that prioritise flexibility and respond to people's interests, hobbies, and lifestyles over time

Encourage creativity and innovation through co-creating solutions with older people

Share resources, tools, and examples demonstrating the positive impact of supportive design on ageing in place

DesHCA's Evidence Based Resources

Design brief, Serious Game, VR Demonstrators, Physical Demonstrators, Targeted guidance for policy, Website and Online resources, Designing for a Lifetime booklet



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