

Architecture & Dwelling

MSc2 Towards an Inclusive Living Environment



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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

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 in which the elderly can be informally supported as well as empowered to keep a purpose in life?

For spring '24 we will choose a neighborhood in The Hague. How and where do the elderly live and where are their social networks? What would they need to build, and where and how could we realize mixed communities?

We will start the studio with human centered research using techniques from

ethnography and anthropology to conduct information about the inhabitants of the neighborhood and the elderly in special. You will go into the neighborhood, do observational studies and interviews as well as a profound analysis of the neighborhood. After this, you will discuss and create a vision for the future of the neighborhood.

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. The inclusive environment asks for various solutions (transformation or new construction) on different scales. You make your own choice and elaborate on an architectural design for an inclusive living environment.

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