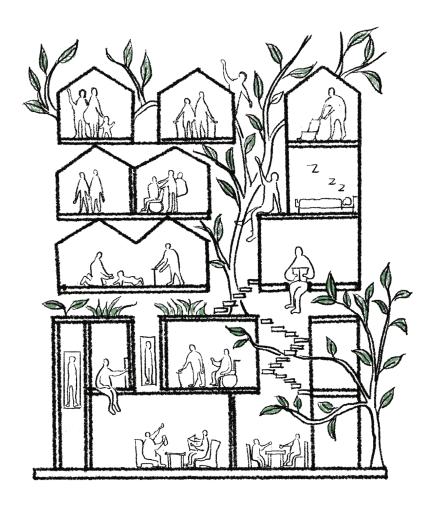
Architecture and Dwelling

MSc 3/4 - Designing for Care in an Inclusive Environment



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We are more aware than ever of the role of our everyday (built) environment in our health and quality of life. Where we live affects our physical, social, and emotional well-being. Views of the outdoors, fresh air, daylight, control over our environment, privacy, contact, access to services, playgrounds, and sports facilities all impact our health. The amount of time we spend at home is increasing, with home offices being encouraged, and the changing healthcare system urging us to stay at home as long as possible, even if we are ill. In addition, the challenges of an ageing society require design solutions within our living environment. Healthcare will increasingly take place in our communities rather than in specialized facilities.

This MSC3 studio explores how to design for health and care. How can architecture support a healthy society? How can we address current societal, health, and care-related issues? Instead of just treating disease, new models focus on disease prevention, health promotion,

and improving quality of life. This is where we will focus, and where your creativity is needed.

We start by understanding the people. The integration of ethnographic research methods provides a unique opportunity for students to meet their target group and understand their specific needs. For instance, you may stay at a nursing home, daycare facility, or home for people with disorders for a few days. You will participate in daily life, observe the situation, and talk to the users of the building. The research, based on your experience during the fieldwork, will guide you to new ideas for innovative design proposals, specifically focusing on health and prevention, or new care homes. Alternatively, you can focus on new building typologies that support health and life quality. We invite students who would like to question current healthcare approaches and rethink existing typologies and solutions in search of a healthy and sustainable living environment.