

RESEARCH THEME

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Title of the doctoral research

Enhancing Senior Living Facilities through Ageing-Inclusive Placemaking Practices

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Abstract

The global demographic shift towards an ageing population necessitates a reevaluation of the design and functionality of senior housing facilities (commonly recognized as residential communities or facilities specifically designed and tailored to meet the needs of older adults, offering various levels of support and amenities, ranging from independent living communities for active seniors to assisted living facilities for those requiring more extensive care). As individuals age, their needs evolve, encompassing not only physical health but also social, emotional, and psychological well-being. Placemaking practices, which involve the creation of inclusive and lively environments, hold the potential to significantly enhance the quality of life for seniors residing in such facilities. This research proposal aims to investigate how ageing-inclusive placemaking practices can be integrated into the design of senior housing facilities, ultimately fostering environments that promote holistic well-being among older adults.

Keywords

Interior Design, Senior Housing, Placemaking