It's never too late for a new beginning

A living environment for the young-old

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Issue:

Housing shortage in the Netherlands:

Current shortage of 331.000 dwellings

Household increase until 2035 of 924.000 households Housing need will increase until 2035 with 893.000 dwellings

(Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties (2020) Staat van de woningmarkt jaarrapportage 2020)

A lot of people do not live in a dwelling which is their preference:

"If we were to evict people from their home tonight and offer them a home tomorrow that better meets their needs, a much better distribution of the housing stock would be achieved than now."

- Springco 2018

(Springco (2018) Samenvatting rapportage De grote omgevingstest in de provincie Zuid Holland.)

Hypothesis:

A crucial role is reserved for the young-old (age 55-75 without children living at home)

Developing dwellings that seduce the young-old to relocate contributes to a broader living hapiness

1. The young-old get a home that better meets their needs

2. A wider range of single family dwellings will come available

3. The housing stock will become better attuned to future demand

4. Less territory is needed to build these dwellings

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Research question:

Who are the young-old?

What are the requirements and demands of the young-old for a suitable living envrionment?

How to design a living environment for the young-old in a high dense area?

New phase in life: reason



Growing prosperity, introduction of a pension system



Improvement in health care

New phase in life: changing perception of the elderly

The old-old (traditional view of old age) someone who is ill and depended



VS.

The young-Old someone who is healthy and independent.



New phase in life: characteristics



The current generation is more active, innovative and open to learning, compared to generation before and it values independence, freedom and individual choice more than ever.



Relatively high purchasing pow

Two major changes in social networks, social interaction and in household family units

- 1. Social networks outside of the family shift from work-focused to leisure-centred interactions
 - At the core of these new kind of networks are contact between neighbours, clubs, volunteer associations, _ courses or hobby classes situated.

2. A shift during the 20th century of people aged 65 or over to move away from multigenerational house holds towards smaller households:

possible reasons:

- Rising income of elderly meant that they could finally live independent _
- People have less children or other family members that can take them in _
- The increase in supply of affordable and manageable single-person dwellings has provi-ded the opportunity for separate living
- Changing values related to individualisation have transformed family norms and attitudes -

Simpson, D. (2010), Third Age Urbanism: Retirement utopias of the young-old

Uncomplicated retiree		
Ш	Low educational level	
€	Below average income	
	Appartment, terraced house	
	< 90 m ²	
€ •	> € 800 / month	

Well-deserverd appreciator		
\square	Middle to high educational level	
€	average till double average income	
	Corner or semi-detached house	
	90 - 135 m²	
€ •	> € 800 / month middle and expensive sale	

Well-aged middleclass		
\square	Middle education	
€	average income	
	rental appartment or terraced house	
	90 - 135 m²	
€ •	middle expensive owner-occupied	

Elite clas	ite class		
Ш	High educationa		
€	more than doubl average income		
	Penthouse, detac ving, multiple stor appartment		
	> 135 m ²		
ۥ	>€700.000		

The different household types (source BPD)





The villages, Florida, United states:

Largest retirement community of the world: 129.000 inhabitants, the size equals double of Manhattan

Disneyworld for retirees

- recreation of former home towns of the retiree, so that they return to their 'youthfull' past
- deny the proces of ageing
- life is permanent vacation

Sense of familiarity is created

People are detached from society





Collectiveness:

Leisure activities replace the central position of work related activities in the residents social network.

Communal facilities:

- Town squares:
- restaurantsclothing store
- care facilities
- home furnish store
- barber shop
- bowling
- theatre

- bank
- beauty salon
- real estate agency
- gallery
- golf & country club admin.
- insurance company
- golf car dealer

Scattered:

- recreational centre
- golf course
- swimming pool
- postal station
- country club





The Dutch government has three policies concerning the Young-Old:

- 1. People need to be able to live as long as possible independently in their own neighbourhood
- 2. Encourage the 'young-old' to move in time to a suitable dwelling for the live in old age
- 3. Supporting people financially who cannot afford to move to a better suitable dwelling

They also foresee an important role for the young-old in social cohesion of the neighbourhood.



My goal is to design a living environment where the young-old want to live, where they can grow old over time and where social encounters between the residents are stimulated

Design principles:



Variation in dwelling types: To cater for the different household sizes and income groups of the young-old



Typologies for young-old

Optimal floor plans should be designed which are attractive for active elderly and that can be adapted to older age.



Social collectiveness

The building should stimulate social encounters between the residents to prevend isolation and provide a safe environment where the youngold feel at ease.



Privacy

As people occasionally want to withdraw themself, it is important that the residents have enough privacy in their dwellings.



Because the young-old are mostly retired and therefore possibly more at home it is important that they have sufficient outdoor space of a good quality.



Leisure activities in the living environment

The design should provide the young-old a natural place where they can create new social networks.

Outdoor spaces



Design location: urban masterplan



Design location: plot





Design location: why is this a suitable location?









Overview







Commercial spaces:

- Contributes to vivid urban area
- Adds facilities where residents can meet others people from the neighbourhood

- Located next to the mainstreet to attract as many people as possible

















Parking:

- Parking garage with shared electrical cars

- Bicycle parking for al the residents













Acces system:

- The dwellings on the ground floor have a acces to the public spaces by a front garden

- Two entrances lead from the street to the galleries which connect to the dwellings















Dwellings:

- Design entails a total of 72 dwellings in of 10 different types













Collective spaces:

- collective space inside the block for the specific type of residents

- because it is one of the lower buildings in the area, activate the roof



Rooftop garden



Ground floor:





Second floor:



Third floor:





Fifth floor:





Rooftop:







Design: dwelling typologies

Dwellings:

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Design: dwelling typologies

Stacking of different dwelling types on top of each other







Type F: Third and fourth floor 16x Studio Total surface area: 37 m² Outdoor space: 5 m²







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turning circle wheelchair 1,5 m









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South west facade 10.30 21/03/2021





13.00



South west facade 21/03/2021



South west facade 17.00 21/03/2021



Guestbedrooms for the residents who do not have a spare bedroom

Could also be used by caregivers in the future









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Combination of the oversized galleries and the bulging fuse boxes give the oppurtunity to appropriate a part of the gallery

Every dwelling has large windows towards the gallery, this makes it possible to lookinside the dwellings







High end facilities on the rooftop where the residents are able to work out and/or relax together







Vegetable garden, where the residents can grow their own food together







Inner courtyard, where the residents can meet each other and enjoy the calm place







Pv-panels integrated in the facades

Rooftop garden

Water retention and storage

Every dwelling has its own installations to secure most energy efficient heating

Loggia's facing south to prevent the hot summer sun to enter the dwellings but to allow the winter sun to shine deep into the dwellings



Ground floor and second floor: concrete construction

Flexible lay-out possible for the parking garage and the commercial spaces.

It can resist a possible flood, building is located in a flood risk area







Wooden construction from the third floor and above

CLT walls and a hollow wooden floor system

Lightweight construction

Less CO₂ emmissions then concrete construction







Vierde verdieping

Vijfde verdieping



North west facade



North east facade





South east facade

South west facade



Building technology: facades



Building technology: facades

Brick strips produced from at least 60% waste

Balustrades covered with pv-panels

Woodfiberboard used as insulation

 balcony floor: colorcoated polyester steel plate battens UNP 200 steel Profile prefabricated floor of glassfiber reinforced polyester

2 facade wall: 2x 12,5 mm Plasterboard 140 mm CLT wall
150 mm inuslation between vertical mullions
60 mm insulation between horizontal mullions
40 x 85 mm vertical battens brick strips glued on panel











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Building technology: facades





Wooden cladding by platowood.

This technology requires only water and heat. No chemical substances are added

Woodfiberboard used as insulation

 gallery: composite deck plates wooden battens placed on slope EPDM foil
 18 mm plywood
 240/100 mm wooden beams
 300/140 mm wooden beams

2 inner facade wall
2x 12,5 mm plasterboard
140 mm CLT wall
150 mm insulation between vertical mullions
60 mm insulation between horizontal mullions
vertical wooden cladding on racking













Design: dwelling typologies



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Type I:

Fifth and sixth floor 8x Appartement Total suraface area: 79 m² Outdoor space: 10 m²







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Building technology: facade fragment





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- 1. Kerta ripa floors
- 2. Clt wall
- 3. Insulation between vertical mullions
- 4. Insulation between horizontal mullions
- 5. Vertical battens
- 6. Brick slips glued on panel
- 7. Aluminium window frame
- 8. steel balcony



Building technology: balcony





1. Colorcoated polyester steel plate, battens UNP 200 steel Profile, Prefabricated floor of glassfiber reinforced polyester

2. 2x Plasterboard12,5 mm, 140 mm CLT wall, 150 mm inuslation between vertical mullions, 60 mm insulation between horizontal mullions, 40 x 85 mm vertical battens, brick strips glued on panel

'Polderdak'

1. Plants,120-250 mm Optigrün extensive substrate E filling mass, 3,6 mm Optigrün filter- en capillary layer RMS 500K, 80 mm Optigrün waterretention layer WRB 80F, 3 mm Optigrün protect absorption layer RMS 300, root and water barrier, 20 mm insulation, 31 mm plywood, 150 mm insulation between 45 x 300 mm gluelam ribs, 50 mm concrete tiles for acoustics, 25 mm plywood, 30 mm spring saddle insulation -2x 15 mm plasterboard

Total thickness 664 mm



Scale 1:10

Building technology: dwelling plan





