Thuis & is a new form of housing where people can grow old. Together with youngsters, elderly own and manage a small business. The additional cafe is meant for the neighbourhood and managed by volunteers. This lowers the threshold for locals to be involved. The design includes multiple variants, to fit the varying needs of the target group.

This new residential form prevents and decreases loneliness. The higher the level of participation, the more loneliness is prevented effectively. This increases the quality of life significantly. Both physically and mentally as well as socially.

The superordinate goal of running a business in combination with social activities undertaken by people who live together, stimulates the creation of emotional contacts and avoids multiple risks of loneliness. The social network that people build up this way works as a safety net if someone has to deal with possible causes of loneliness such as loss of their life partner or physical deficiencies.