Creating a strategic master plan to facilitate active assisted living

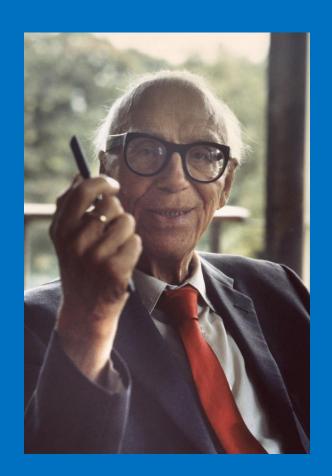
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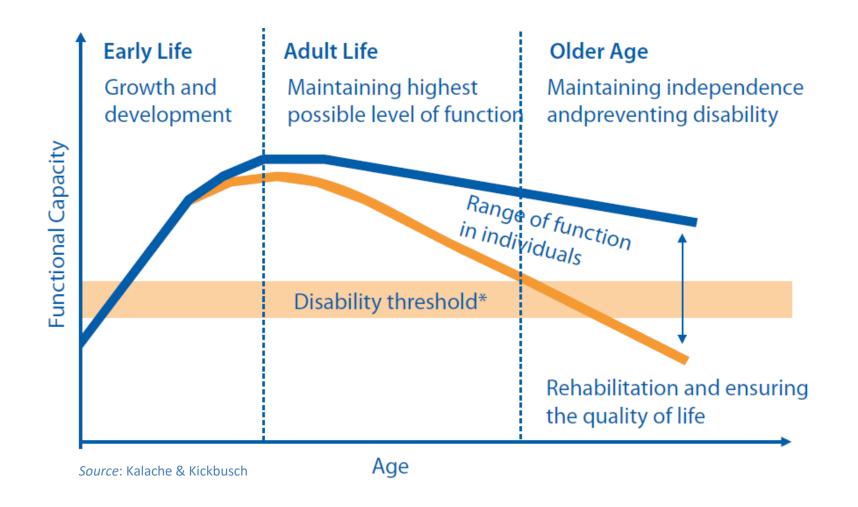


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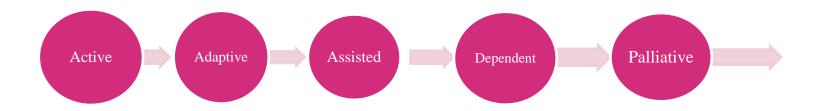
Population ageing and urbanisation are two global trends that together comprise major forces shaping the 21st century.

How can cities support healthy and active living for different groups of older people, so they can feel safe, secure and be able to take part in social life?

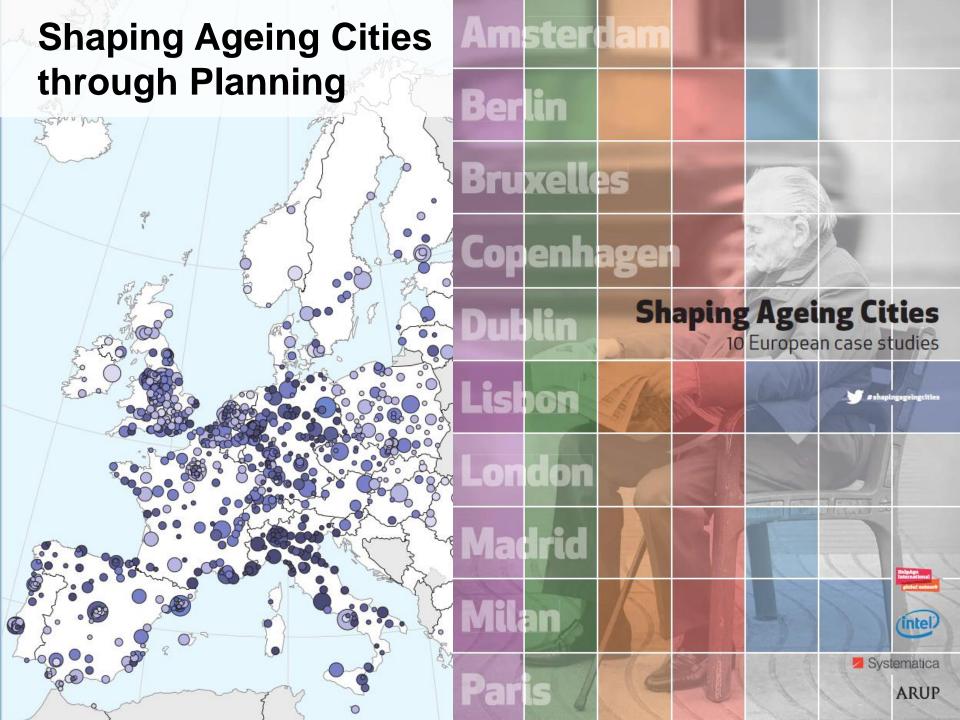
The speed of decline can be influenced and may be reversible through promoting age-friendly living environments



Designing for people as they age



Physical, Social and Mental Wellbeing



Seasonal Health Ageing and Resilience in Urban Populations and Environments







Impact of urban design in health and wellbeing

Framework for decision making on public infrastructure investment



Distinctive street furniture, in styles familiar to older people, can be useful wayfinding cues



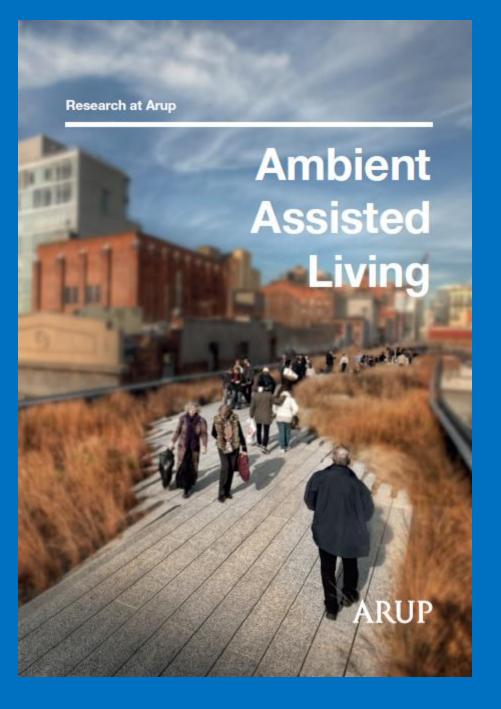
Too many signs can be confusing



Patterns and sharp colour contrasts can be disorienting

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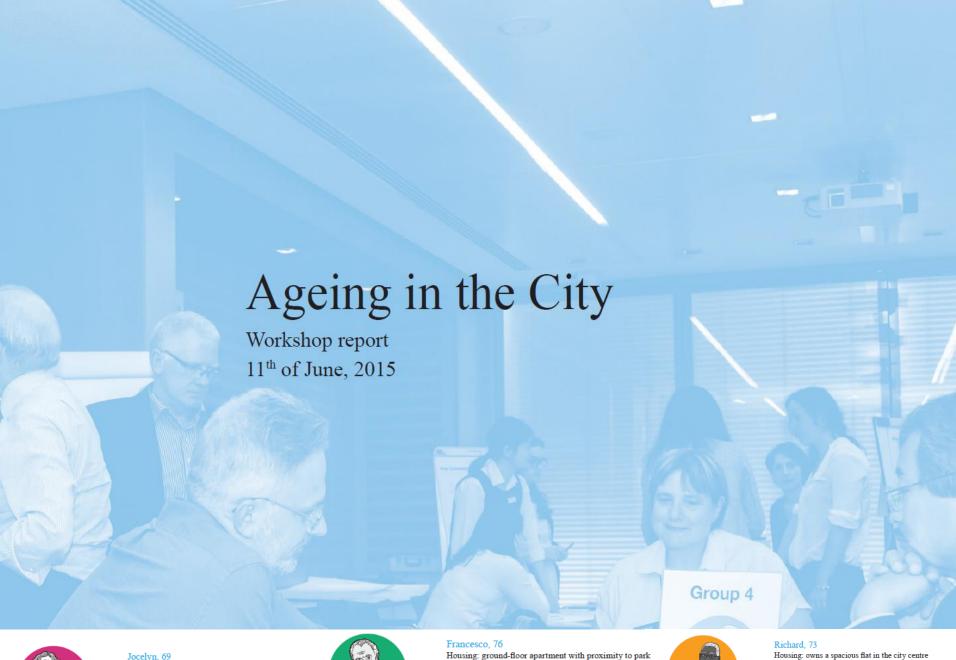


Our Study

Research into the benefits of assisted living technology on independent living.

Advancements in information and and communication technology allows serives to be delivered remotely.

Report gave recommendations on futher design considerations and technology interventions.





Housing: 2nd floor flat in sheltered (social) housing unit Living arrangements: lives alone (divorced) Limitations: mobility impaired, wheelchair user Outlook: despite her disability retains a realistic and independent attitude



Living arrangements: lives alone (never married) Limitations: recovering from a hip fracture Outlook: independent and positive, but feels frustrated by the limitations imposed by the accident



Living arrangements: lives alone (wife passed away) Limitations: early stages of Alzheimer's, progressing cataracts, otherwise physically active Outlook: Increasing sense of loss of purpose and confidence, lonely

Thoughts



Thank you