

House of Generations: Intergenerational living

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<u>Theme:</u> Choose at least one option	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ageing & Care <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum & Migration <input type="checkbox"/> Young People <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Children & Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Care & Support <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Intelligence <input type="checkbox"/> Digitalisation <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Labour Market Inclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce and Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Social Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> EU Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services' Resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person-Centred Care <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Use of Evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Management & Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
<u>Principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights:</u> Which principles does your practice cover? Check the 20 principles here.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Education, training, life-long learning <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Gender equality <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Equal opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Active support to employment <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Secure and adaptable employment <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Fair Wages <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Transparent employment conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. Social dialogue <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Work-life balance <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Healthy, safe work environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11. Childcare and child support <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Social protection <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Unemployment benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Minimum income <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Old age income and pensions <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Health care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17. Inclusion of people with disabilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18. Long-term care <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Housing and assistance to homeless <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Access to essential services
<u>Current status of the practice:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Concept and Design Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Testing or pilot phase <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary practice that has terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary practice that is ongoing and has a termination date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Established and ongoing practice <input type="checkbox"/> Scaling Up and Transformation Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):	

<p><u>Summary:</u> Please summarise the practice in maximum 3 sentences. This will be the disclaimer of your project on our website. Example here.</p>	<p>The House of Generations in Aarhus is a pioneering community concept that brings together people of all ages under one roof. It combines housing, workspaces, and shared facilities to create an inclusive environment where intergenerational interaction is part of everyday life. The goal is to strengthen social cohesion, reduce loneliness, and promote mutual understanding across age groups. By fostering collaboration and shared experiences, the House of Generations demonstrates how diverse life stages can coexist and enrich each other, contributing to a more connected and resilient society.</p>
<p><u>Context/ Social issues addressed</u> Please explain the problem you attempt to solve with your practice.</p>	<p>Modern societies face increasing social isolation and generational divides. Urban living and age-segregated housing often leave older adults vulnerable to loneliness and limits opportunities for younger people to learn from other life stages. This fragmentation weakens community bonds and reduces mutual support. The House of Generations in Aarhus offers a new approach. By integrating housing, workspaces, and shared facilities for all ages, it creates a vibrant environment where daily interaction fosters trust, empathy, and collaboration. This model shows how intergenerational living can strengthen well-being and build more connected, resilient communities.</p>
<p><u>Objectives:</u> Please provide a maximum of three objectives in bullet points.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create Community and Security: offer a vibrant community across generations, where there is room for togetherness and freedom of choice. The house should be a safe and welcoming place. 2. Promote Diversity and Mutual Understanding: strengthen mutual understanding through diversity, relationships, and shared activities, while respecting individual identity and needs. 3. Innovate and Shape Vibrant Spaces: build on experience while exploring new ideas for flexibility, shared organisation, and leadership. Our goal is to create inspiring physical spaces and a strong, shared culture that brings the house to life.
<p><u>Activities:</u> Please describe the activities put in place to achieve the objectives (maximum 400 words).</p>	<p>The House of Generations offers a variety of homes (family apartments, youth apartments, senior apartments, apartments for adults with disabilities, care homes) designed to foster intergenerational living and community. Shared facilities include a multipurpose hall, café, workshop, fitness room, and orangery. Furthermore, a kindergarten is an integral part of the House of Generations. The house is open to the public with various activities throughout the week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social and Cultural Activities: events such as music and movement sessions where children and older adults sing, play, and exercise together. - Everyday Life and Well-being: Shared meals in communal kitchens (breakfast, lunch, and dinner options) and sports activities, access to activity rooms for yoga, gardening, film clubs, and other hobbies. - Health and Support Services: A health clinic offering free advice, guidance, treatment, and training. - Community Spaces: Shared facilities like kitchens, meeting rooms, and guest rooms for social interaction and informal meetings.

<p><u>Outcomes:</u> <i>Please explain what the results were/are so far and how you evaluated this (i.e. statistics, a study, or feedback)</i></p>	<p>The House of Generations opened in autumn 2020 during the Covid-19 lockdown. Based on current experiences, the concept succeeds in preventing loneliness, and most residents are happy to live in the House of Generations. The concept encourages residents to play an active part in creating common activities. On the downside, there has been some difficulties in engaging with residents in the youth apartments in activities. There have been challenges in balancing many different agendas; being a large workspace, being a home, operation of three different welfare-areas and creating a decision-making process that abides to legislation and also works in real life.</p> <p>Overall, the House of Generations demonstrates that the concept holds strong potential for fostering well-being and social cohesion across age groups. While House of Generations will continue to refine its approach to ensure broader engagement—particularly among younger residents—and navigate the complexities of operating a multifunctional space, the positive outcomes, including reduced loneliness and active community participation affirms the value of this innovative housing model.</p>
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<p><u>Links to supporting documents:</u> <i>e.g. project website or report of the practice, articles</i></p>	<p>Generationernes Hus</p>
<p><u>Comments and tips</u> <i>i.e. for people willing to implement your Practice in their service</i></p>	