Reflections on Discussion Paper Caring Societies: The Future of Long-term Care

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What can you expect?

- Person centredness, relation centredness? Who is the person and what is 'good' care?
- 'Workforce': older people as a resource
- Investment policies across domains
- Examples of caring societies
- Our future...?



A life with basic rights and dignity: a good life!

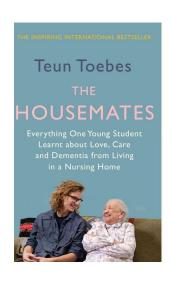
- Quality of care serves people to live a 'good' live. Usually this is:
 - Autonomy
 - Relatedness / social relations
 - Being relevant and able to live a meaningful life

(Dutch Quality Council, 2019)

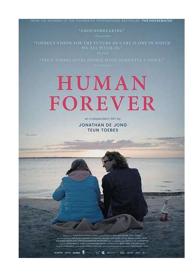
Inspired by: Self-determination theory (Deci and Ryan, 1985)



How do we see older people?









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How do we see the person in LTC?

- As people with needs but also with capabilities and competences: who are individuals
- Who want to live a meaningful life, with autonomy and social relations
- Not as a burden

→ To focus on not only basic needs but also to learn, grow, and make shared decisions, move around, build and maintain relationships and contribute (Beard, 2016, p.9).

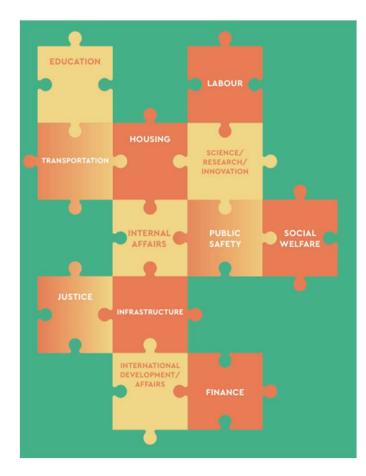




We need older people

- Needs' reduction in the last 15 years
- Enlarging healthy life expectation
- Prevention, reablement, societal measures (poverty, inequalities, social relationships, meaningful activities etc.)
- → Less demand for care and support
- More potential among older people to support others

These challenges of LTC need a societal approach (WHO, 2018)



How to achieve caring societies: examples of caring policies, economy and commons







Care farms









Housing: 'Hofjes' for older people



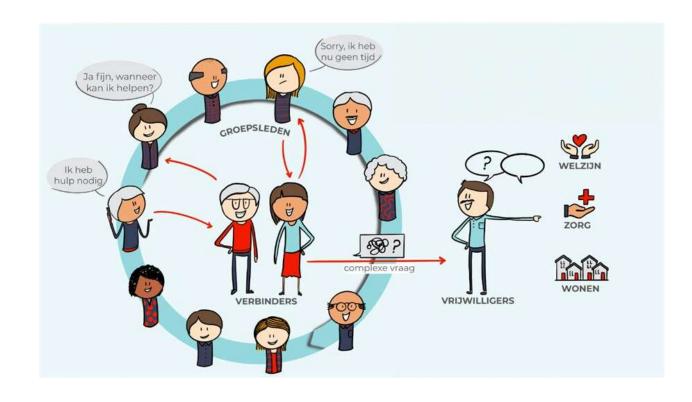


Cohousing





Precaution circles













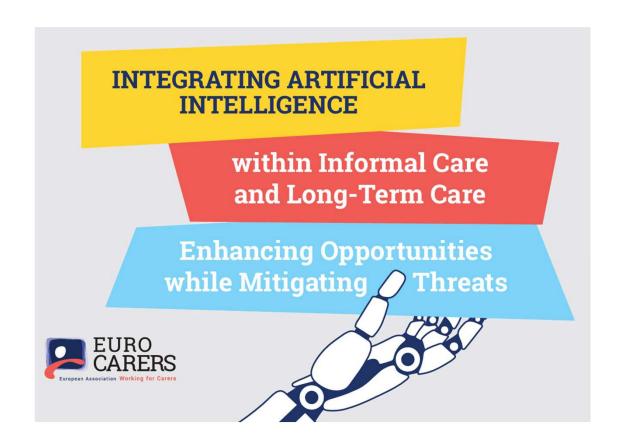
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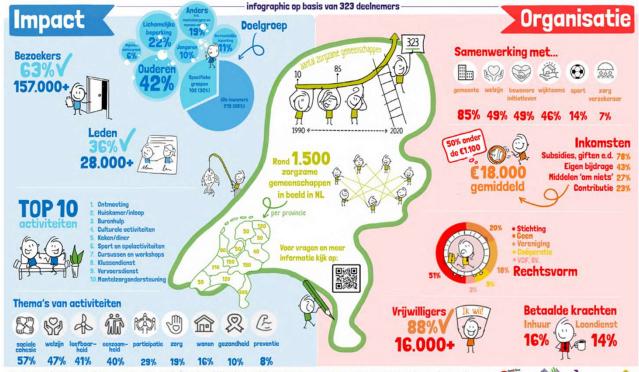


See also:



Monitor zorgzame gemeenschappen 2020

Een groeiende beweging van bewonersinitiatieven in welzijn, wonen en zorg



De informatie in deze infographic is de uitkomst van een vrageniijst onderzoek onder ca. 1500 geidentificeerde bewonersinitatieven in weizijn, wonen en zorg. De vrageniijst werd in september en oktober 2020 ingewuld door 323 initiatieven. Het onderzoek is een samenwerking van Nederland Zorgt Woor Eikaar, Wlans en Movisie met financiële ondersteuning van het ministerie van Wolksgezondheid, Weizijn en Sport.



How to achieve this?

- It is all about solidarity:
 - Between young and old and old and young
 - Within older age groups
 - Within local communities
 - Involving informal, public, private stakeholders
- At many spots and multiple small scales
- Nurturing ecosystems → supportive governance
- Careful with 'care enterprises'
- Don't exploit informal carers, be careful with them as a resource
- Older people as a resource
- Role of government: management by speech, connections between financial silos, legislation allowing experiments/pilots

On to a future with high quality of life and a great 60^{th} Anniversary of the European Centre!

