

Call for Papers: Aging and Dementia-friendly Urban Design

The Journal of Urban Design and Mental Health (UD/MH) invites submission of papers on age-friendly urban design, with a specific focus on designing cities for people living with dementia (PLWD), and/or other mental conditions, from the perspectives of older adults.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of public spaces to older adults by their absences from these places. For many older adults, access to one's neighborhood has been reduced to minimise transmission risks. Yet, the neighborhood functions as a psychosocial safety net during a personal crisis. Older adults who had previously established stronger ties with neighbors may cope better than others. This collection aims to explore, but is not limited to, how urban design elements and/or third places contribute to the following pathways to mental health:

- Natural neighborhood networks
- Neighborhood atmosphere
- Spatial (dis)orientation
- Multi-sensorial approaches
- Process model of constructive aging

Case studies of built projects are especially welcome, and should be analysed critically with reference to existing recommendations, concepts or standards. Inputs from PLWD, care partners, older adults, and designers, or more sophisticated spatial ethnographic methods are encouraged. Case studies may be illustrated with 3-5 images or diagrams. Empirical articles that employ statistical methods are also welcome.

The Journal of Urban Design and Mental Health is an open-access, peer-reviewed online journal exploring the links between urban design and mental health. This journal aims to share interesting ideas and evidence-based practical recommendations across the disciplines to inspire research where there are gaps, to bring new perspectives, and to help drive implementation of good ideas on the ground. Academics of all disciplines, as well as architects, urban planners, geographers, engineers, developers and people working in any other relevant disciplines are invited to contribute.

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