

# ODESSA PROJECT SYMPOSIUM

Friday 1 March 2019, 9:30am-3:00pm

**Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1B 1AD**

## Towards Ageing-in-place: Policy and Practice Options

This event provides for dissemination and dialogue on the findings of ODESSA, (Optimising care delivery models to support ageing-in-place), a three-year, €1million venture which has worked with older people to find new and innovative ways to achieve ageing-in-place. It will situate the dissemination of ODESSA's findings within a context of established connections to multiple policy and practice networks and think tanks in the UK. A trans-disciplinary study, ODESSA provides an evidence base for the physical design and social dimensions of an ageing-in-place framework, highlighting the importance of inclusive design and community connectivity to successful ageing-in-place outcomes. Action towards achieving these outcomes over time will require, alongside a focus on areas of built environment design, attention to community connectivity and, associated areas of high policy priority: loneliness, social isolation or exclusion. This symposium brings evidence from ODESSA together with innovative practice examples from elsewhere on approaches to improving inclusivity and accessibility in the built environment, and tackling loneliness and social isolation through community connectivity, with the aim of further developing together our strategic thinking on ageing-in-place as a practical policy goal.

### Programme

9:00	Registration & coffee	
9:30	<a href="#">Julia Park</a> , <i>Chair of RIBA Housing Group &amp; Head of Research at Levitt Bernstein Architects</i>	The importance of good design
9:40	<a href="#">Catherine Foot</a> , Director of Evidence, Centre for Ageing Better	Loneliness and ageing well: policy challenges and opportunities
<b>Session 1: Age-friendly environment.</b> Chaired by Professor Karim Hadjri		
9:50	<a href="#">Robert Turpin</a> , <i>Healthcare Market Development Manager, BSI Standards</i>	Inclusivity and accessibility in the built environment - The role of standards
10:10	<a href="#">Luke Turner</a> , <i>Principal Architect, Technical Policy Division, Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government</i>	The current status of Part M of the Building Regulations
10:30	<a href="#">Christina McGill</a> , Head of Communications, Habinteg	How housing with adaptive superpowers can be home for a lifetime
10:50	Q&A	
<b>11:10</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>Session 2: Connected communities.</b> Chaired by Professor David Morris		
11:30	<a href="#">Sam Scharf</a> , <i>Head of Community Investment, Orbit Housing Group</i>	Community Investment: the role of the Housing Association in community participation
11:50	<a href="#">Suzanne Wilson</a> , <i>Research Fellow in Social Inclusion and Community Development, University of Central Lancashire</i>	Developing an intergenerational approach to social isolation through connected communities in West Cumbria
12:10	<a href="#">Alex Smith</a> , <i>Founder/CEO, The Cares Family</i>	The Cares Family: an intergenerational, city-based approach to challenging loneliness in older age
12:30	Q&A	
<b>12:50</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:50	<a href="#">Karim Hadjri</a> <i>University of Sheffield</i>	ODESSA finding on Age-friendly environment
14:10	<a href="#">David Morris</a> <i>University of Central Lancashire</i>	ODESSA finding on Connected communities
14:30	Q&A and closing remarks	
15:00	Close	

The event is free but registration is required.

Registration: <https://odessa-symposium.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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## THE VENUE

The **Wren Room** is located on the sixth floor of the Royal Institute of British Architects headquarters, 66 Portland Place, London. <https://www.architecture.com/contact-and-visit/visit-66-portland-place>

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