

# Meet the Designer Zoe Phillips



As a designer I enjoy the process of researching and giving my projects a purpose. This past year I have been involved in the intergenerational housing network meetings (United for all Ages). It is a passion of mine to engage with people as part of my learning, and use that to fuel my projects with vast amounts of knowledge. It's no secret that everyone has been through a lot this past year due to the pandemic and so by using zoom as this years form of contact has been a possitvie experience. My Dissertation 'Designing to meet needs: How can we think past generations and design more inclusively' explores why we should focus less on age and more on the needs of individuals, avoiding making assumptions about the homogeneity of generations. To follow on, I used my dissertation to generate this years concept and I hope that this project reflects my research but also for who I am as a creative designer.

Find my dissertation here:

-unitedforallages.com -generationsworkingtogether.org

#### Excerpts from Dissertation

'Spatial Instruments' that have been orchastrated to form places of informal contact adding the spontaneity of the unplanned



**ABOVE** Hubertus House b Aldo Van Eyck, looking at the spatial thresholds that expands spaces of circulation and social encounters

# Social Context

All facts and figures are from the last Intergenerational Housing Network meeting. GEORGE LEE - Founder Director - THE COMMONLAND

Age does not define you or I.

88% of all ages feel that the focus should be on needs, values and interests and not age.

## Interviews



Stephen Burke United For All Ages

**ALL SPACES** CAN BE INTER-GENERATIONAL **IF THEY HAVE** THE RIGHT PURPOSE'

**BELOW AND RIGHT** Student housing

allows us to individually create

possible equations of our daily

routines

Weesperstraat, Amsterdam (1959-1966) by Herman Hertzberger



Bella Kerr Generations Working Together

> HOW CAN WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER? OR HOW CAN WE BRING OUR COMMUNITIES **TOGETHER?** IT'S GOT TO BE ABOUT BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND NO ONE BEING LEFT ALONE'

> > BELOW AND RIGHT Derwenthorpe in York by the Josepth Rowntree Housing Trust, a developement of 483 properties



By having algorithms of space, it "In-between, is everything that is in-between the official, all things that have a name that have a significance"



The lifetime home should be addressing all stages of ageing, from birth to death and the stages in-between to acknowledge the physical changes we all go through as well as the individual needs of everyone.



83% of all ages do not want to be defined by their age.

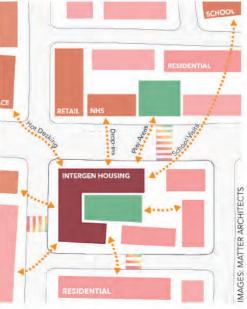
When you have met one 80 year old you have met one 80 year old.

83% want to mix with people of different ages and generations.



'Good design should be required in all housing, but key areas of design are essential to realising the benefits of intergenerational housing'





ABOVE AND RIGHT A proposed location diagram to show the opportunities to connect and enhance local networks. Matter Architects

## Site Visit The Tay Rope Works, West End Dundee

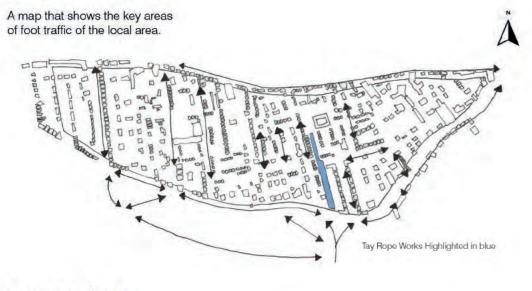
The Tay Rope works, 51 Magdalen Yard Road is situated in the West End of Dundee. The site dates back to 1837 and sits on a small hill decline down to the river Tay. It had been stated by the Dundee Courier (29 September 1987) that 'due to complicated process of manufacturing ropes, generally used for Dundee's whaling industry, the works had a most unusual shape – broad at the Perth Road end, then forming a narrow corridor which stretched down to Magdalen Yard Road.' Unfortunately due to several fires, the long 200 yard rope walk ( evidenced by the remaining metal beams) burned from end to end leaving the remaining structure derilict. In its current state it has been engulfed by overgrown greenage as well as pigeons being the main residents of the building.



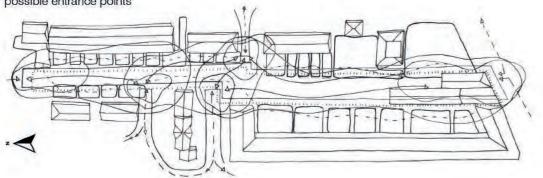




## Site Analysis

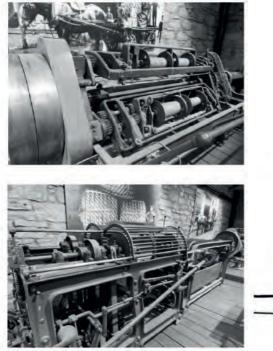


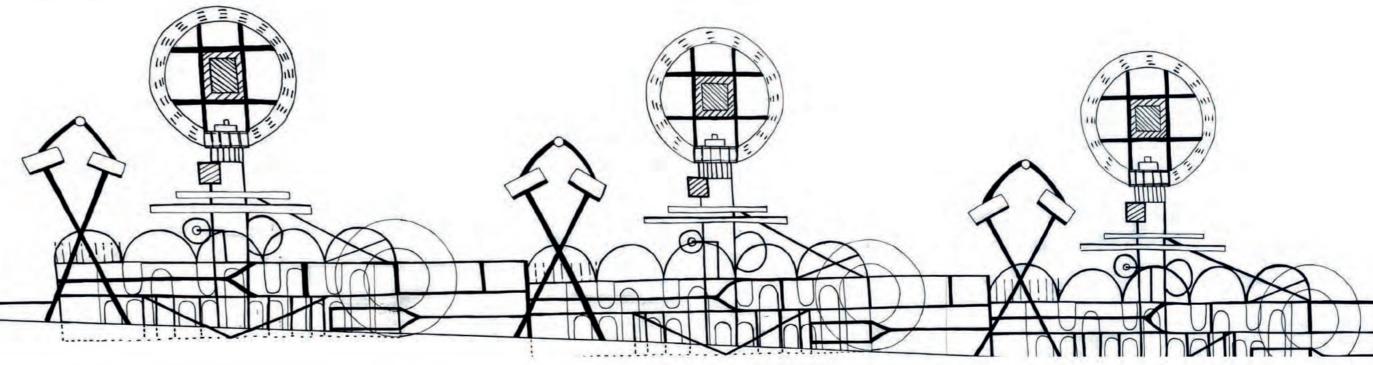
Looking at the different possible entrance points

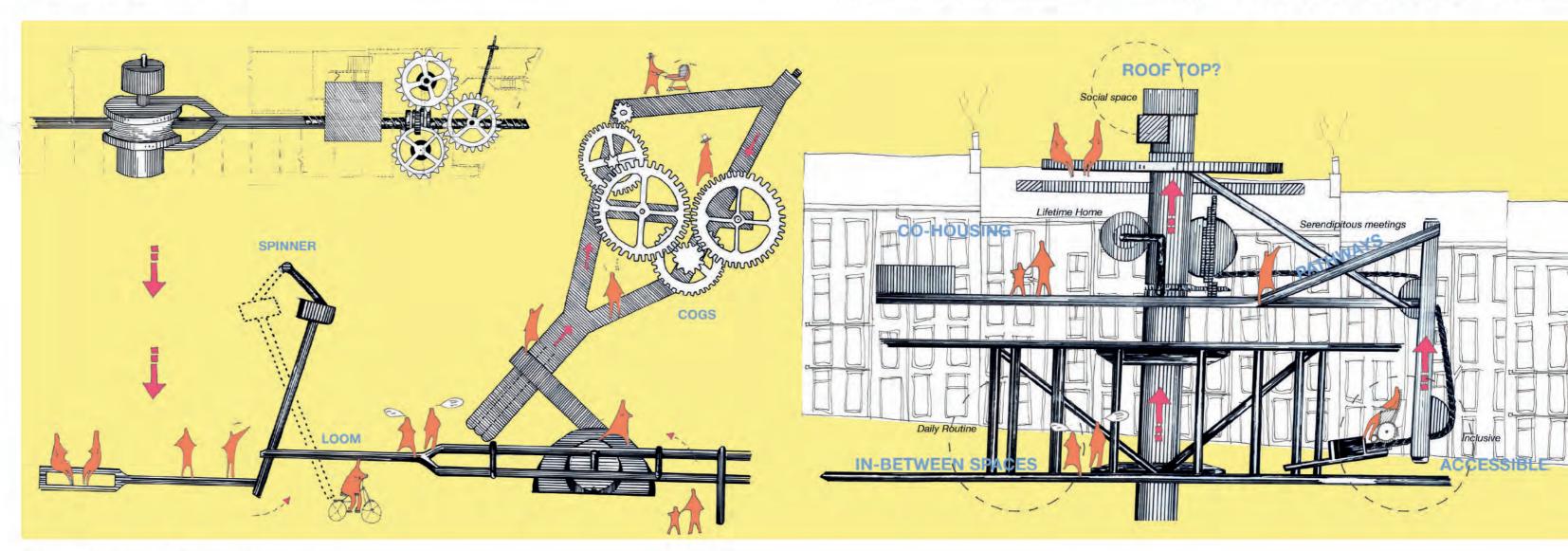


# **Design Process**

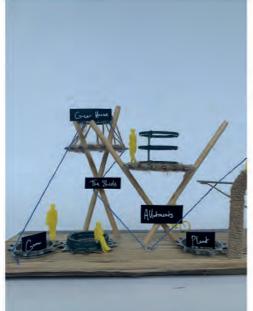
The influence of the Jute Rope machines







# **Zoning Model**



ABOVE AND RIGHT The Spinner, a space to grow, connect and play





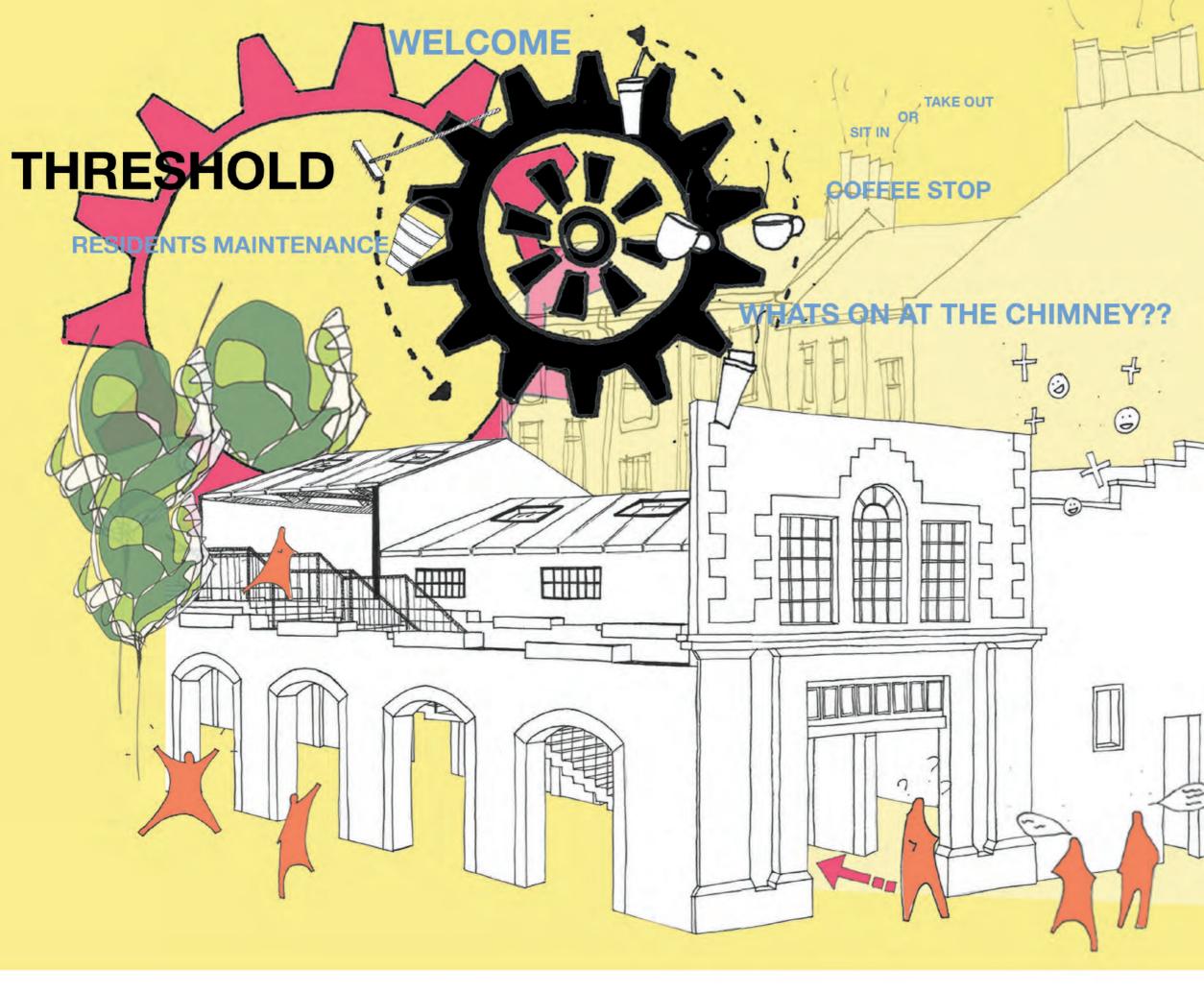
The chimney, a place of warmth from all of the steam of cooking and from doing laundry.



ABOVE The Looms Bridge, connecting the Mill housing to the Chimney



ABOVE The Mill Houses, connecting neighbours through different pathways



## **The Design Proposal**

The Archways, a co-housing street scape is designed on the basis of fulfilling our daily needs. Its looks to create open opportunities of connecting residents with one another as well as the outer community by expandaning areas like thresholds, stairwells and lifts, courtyards and a bridge that connects each space. This is all part of the idea of creating naturally occuring connections between all ages.

The existing archways of the site have been puntured to create in-between spaces for spontaneous encounters between neighbours. Increasing the public use of the street scape.

- **1** The Threshold
- 2 The Mill Co-Houses
- 3 The Chimney

Here is a link to The Archways Video



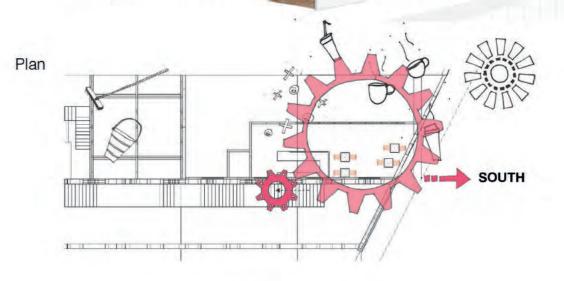
BELOW Images of final scale model at 1:75



# The Threshold

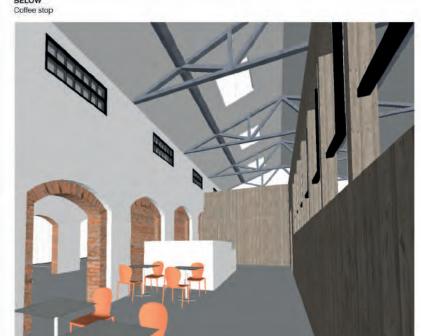
An entrance to a street scape, coffee shop and a sheltered path that allows you to decide your route through the site. Creating that unkown experience of who you may bump into.

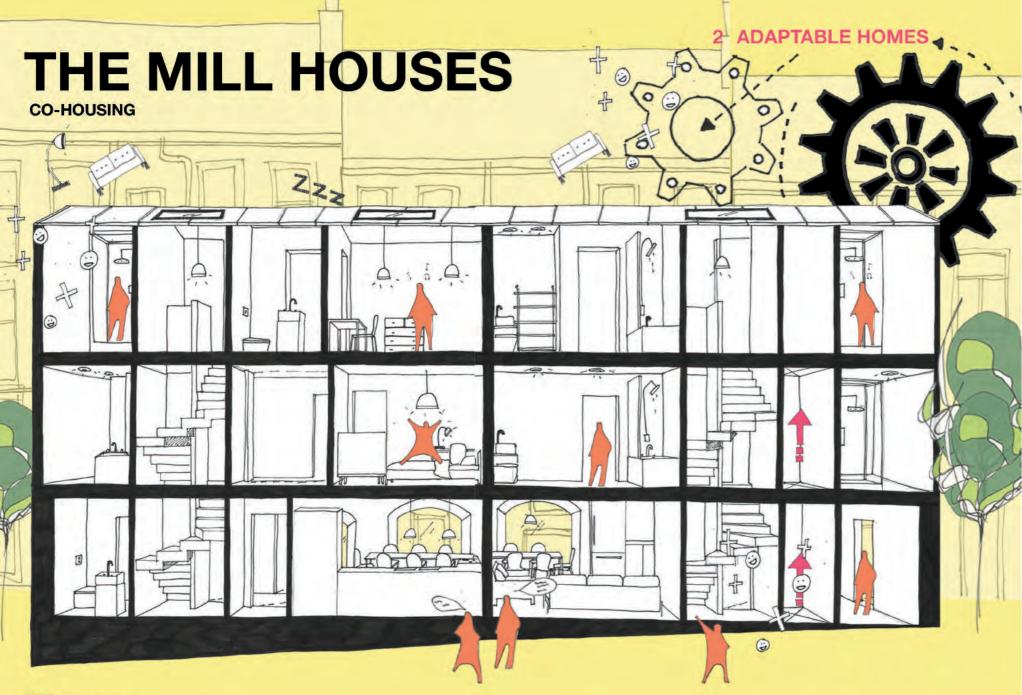




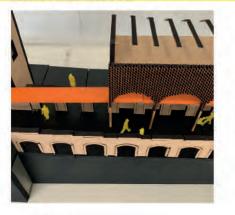


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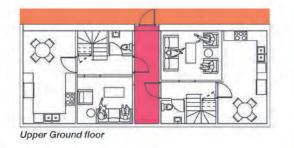
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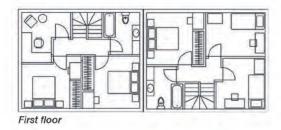




### Mill <sup>-</sup>

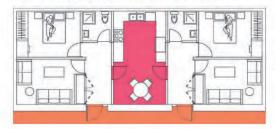
A shared entryway allows these two houses to be connected , expanding the area of social interaction between the neighbours when entering and leaving their homes





Mill 3

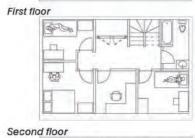
The opportunity to have a mix of private and shared living with the resident next door.

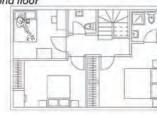


#### Mill 2

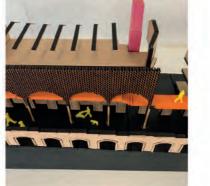
Home 1 looks at a large blended family setting, creating rooms that can be adapted through the different stages of daily life for each individual.



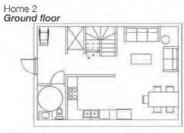


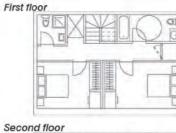


This Co-house is designed as one bedroom flats that share a kitchen space that is placed in the centre of the space. This is to help generate interation between residents who may reside by themselves but who may also be in need of some form of contact. By sharing the kitchen space this allows the residents to enjoy meal times with one another. However by having separate entrances to their dwellings this means that they can have some form of privacy too which is also just as much as a need of our daily routine.



Home 2 is an inclusive living environment that looks at the accessibility of the space. Creating open plan living for easy manouvering for those who may need wheelchair assistance or other forms. The home also includes an assisted lift to allow the home user to access all floors and for them to not be excluded from the rest of the house hold.







### The Chimney

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A place of warmth that connects the community through the need of eating, socialising and the necessity of washing laundry.

