

INTERGENERATIONAL

PARTICIPATION



The Balthazar Project, Denmark

PROBLEM

The Balthazar project, funded by the Danish Ministry of Education and Research, aims to make older adults and younger people meet and work together around projects with a positive impact on society and that need knowledge and skills from both parties to happen.

Balthazar project facilitates intergenerational encounters and project-based collaborations throughout several workshops and activities.

ACTION

Balthazar unfolds through a series of workshops for intergenerational teams, focusing on peer-to-peer sharing and learning of skills while tackling specific social challenges.

Balthazar enables people of different generations to meet and work together around projects that matter to society, by applying a People-Centred Design process.

Generation #1 includes already retired and soon-to-retire people who would like to engage with social challenges and be part of an intergenerational team. Generation #2 includes designers, researchers, and “makers” whose practices focus on improving people’s life through a People-Centred Design approach.

RESULT

The Balthazar project is a good example of this interest towards meaningful solutions and social impact, and of the holistic approach adopted at CIID. The project, funded by the Danish Ministry of Education and Research, was initiated by CIID-Research in collaboration with the FabLab Copenhagen and AeldreSagen; during the project, both CIID students and professionals participated in the process, building on a highly life-centred and learning by doing approach. The whole project is effectively documented and shared in the form of an interactive magazine developed by The Exposed, one of the start-ups hosted by the CIID Nest Incubator.



<https://ciid.dk/research/past-projects/balthazar-advisory-board-and-co-creation-of-good-senior-life>