

Making music meaningful in care homes

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Dr. Tara French is Programme Director for Health and Wellbeing at The Glasgow School of Art. As a design psychologist and interdisciplinary researcher, she is an expert in facilitating transdisciplinary collaborations in the context of care and wellbeing. Her work combines multi-method and creative forms of engagement to meaningfully involve diverse groups of stakeholders in the design process, from people with lived experience to government policy makers. Her research focuses on the role of design in enabling a culture of innovation and resilience in complex contexts, with special interests in social care, mental wellbeing and palliative care. Tara is interested in how design can foster spaces for empathic exploration and resilience when exploring 'taboo' or sensitive subjects.



Yoni Lefèvre is a Design Researcher at STBY in Amsterdam. She previously held the position of Research Associate at The Glasgow School of Art. Working within the context of ageing and design, Yoni combines her creative visual design background with research through participatory methodologies, contributing to social transformation on both practical and strategic levels. She has extensive experience in co-design in different contexts with a range of participant groups including small neighbourhood communities, asylum seekers, counsellors, and health and social care professionals. Her expertise also extends to intergenerational engagement, facilitating meaningful interactions between younger and older generations.