

# Technologies and Smart Homes: How can Older Consumers Influence the Agenda?

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# The Project ... Living Innovation

## Co-creating the way we will live in 2030

... smart future living ... empowering citizens

- ▶ 14 partners – academia and industry
- ▶ Outreach to ‘wider industry’  
exploring applicability of approach for -  
food (packaging and waste); electric transport; smart city
- ▶ 19 co-creation workshops in 5 EU countries  
with themes of lifestyles, health, IoT, inclusion
- ▶ Online platform – info exchange, ideas generation
- ▶ Focus on ‘responsibility’ in innovation  
emphasis on the business case  
building on CSR (corporate social responsibility)  
key issue of sustainability (business, environment)  
people engaged and involved in design process (co-creation)  
reflexivity in design, development, production



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# smart home

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**What's on the Agenda?** ... the 6 presentations for Day 1 (paraphrased). Day 2 similar.

Private Company – Energy pathways for GB to 2050

Private Company – AI and the transformation of healthcare

Private Company – Improving our (Workplace) productivity' through better lighting

Private Company – Designing and retro-fitting the next generation of homes

Representative Organisation for Facilities Management – More on workplaces

Private Company – Energy and Smart Meters

- ▶ Private sector as main driver for smart homes agenda
- ▶ A nod to the history based in 'intelligent buildings'
- ▶ Unclear as to (older) 'people perspective' except as consumers (?) in growing market

# The Smart Home: What is it?

Lots of definitions ... but Fisk (2003) ...

*‘at its broadest a smart home is one where smart technologies are installed and where those technologies facilitate automatic or user-initiated communication involving a range of appliances, sensors, actuators and switches’* (but, importantly, adding that) *‘such communication takes place in ways that can empower people and, in so doing, improve their quality of life’.*

Other definitions are less empowerment oriented (though ‘control’ often features).

- ▶ Origins of smart homes in ‘twin tracks’ of ‘intelligent buildings’ and smart appliances.
- ▶ Intelligent buildings – automation, energy conservation, ventilation systems
- ▶ Smart appliances – vacuum cleaner, washing machine: not ‘smart’ but game changers



# Smart Appliances



**Choose  
GOBLIN  
and you buy  
the BEST!**

**WASHING  
MACHINES**

**3 models, including  
the one for your home**

**FREE** Ask your dealer for the  
'Goblin Book' of washing  
machines, vacuum cleaners  
and 'Teasmade' or write—  
**Dept. JB, Goblin Works, Leatherhead, Surrey**



1957

LONDON CHARTER—February 25, 1936

*I don't mind work . . .  
but I do hate  
drudgery!*



**I must have a Hoover for Spring-cleaning this year**

With spring-cleaning staring you in the  
face . . . with its hours and days of back-  
breaking drudgery ahead . . . make up  
your mind now, to own the Hoover  
you've always wanted. The cost? That  
isn't a problem; only pay down and  
small weekly payments. It's the most  
wonderful way to free yourself for ever  
from house cleaning drudgery. It cleans  
your carpets without your having to take  
them up. Never has a cleaner operated  
so easily. An effortless glide over your  
floors, and the Hoover not only gets all  
the dirt out; it gives added years of  
beauty to your carpets!

There isn't a Hoover owner who doesn't find  
the day she bought it, lived the coupon  
below for booklet giving full details of all  
Hoover cleaners and of easy terms. It's  
free, and there's no obligation.



**now only  
10%  
down**

**The HOOVER JUNIOR**

**COUPON**  
To: HOOVER LEASING Dept. 112,  
P.O. Box 100, London, W.C.2  
Please send me without obligation, and  
without requiring my return, a  
booklet.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**The HOOVER**  
REGISTERED TRADE MARK  
It BEATS . . . as it Sucks . . . as it Cleans

1930s

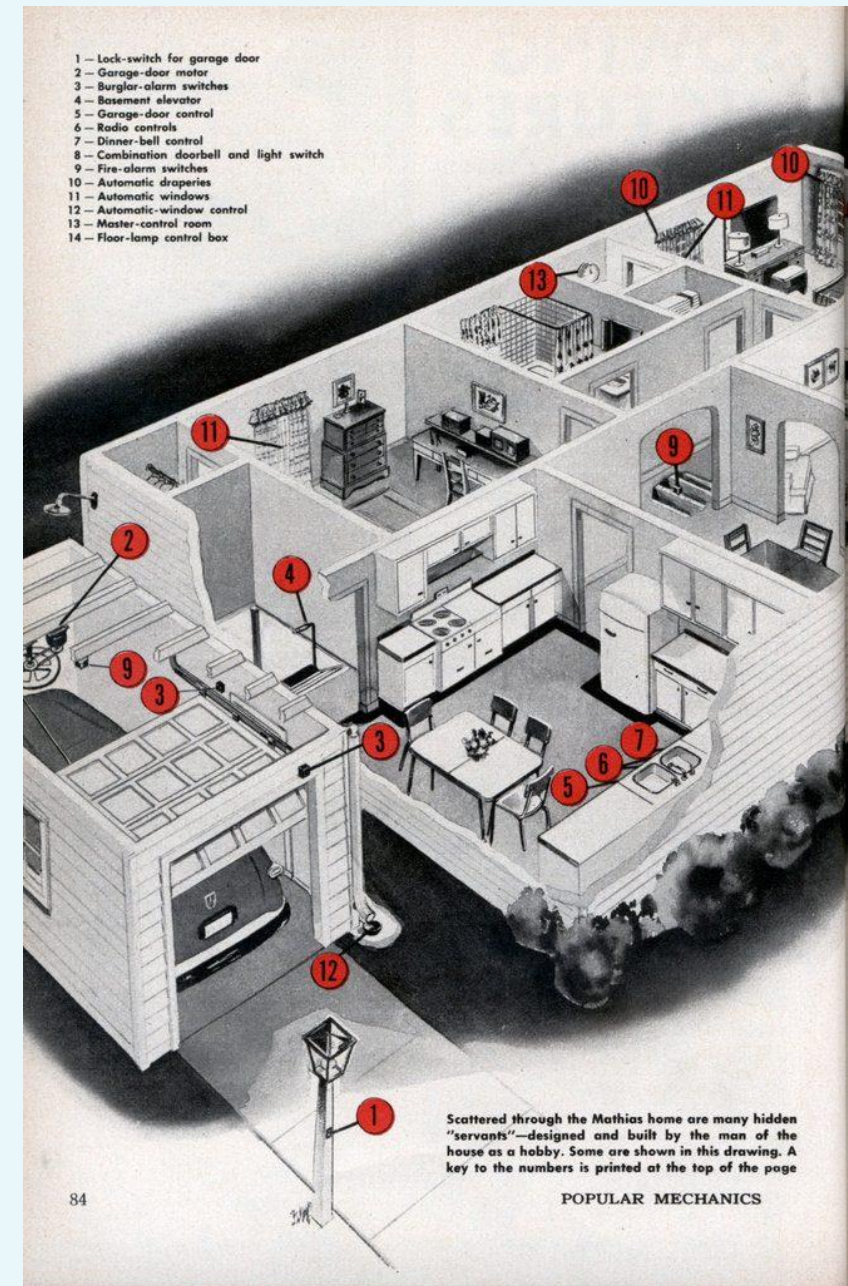


# Getting 'Up to Date'

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... built in Jackson, Michigan

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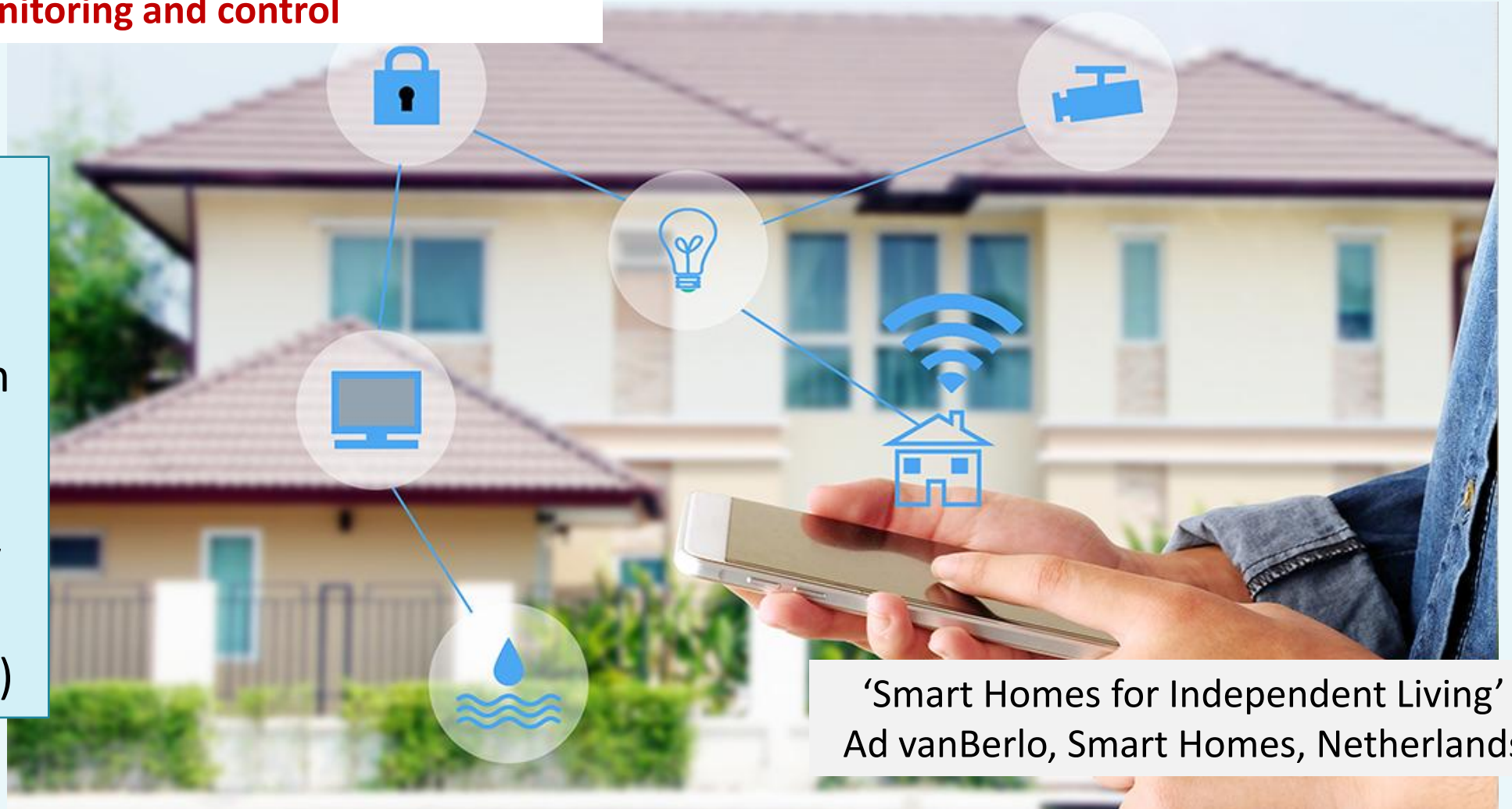
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## Technologies in the Home

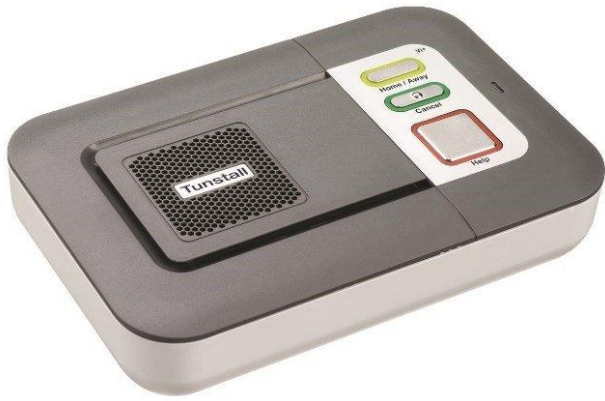
- ▶ Broadband (wire-less?)  
router giving access to multiple services,  
information, education, etc.
- ▶ Smart Home Platforms
- ▶ Voice activated assistants  
including Amazon Echo range (Alexa),  
Google Assistant range  
plus Apple's Siri (but well geared to operating  
appliances)
- ▶ Linked devices (generic ... mostly wireless)  
lights, thermostats, video door alerts  
security devices (incl cameras)  
smart furniture (beds, white goods)
- ▶ Linked devices for health, wellbeing ...



# Getting 'Up to Date'

## Health and Wellbeing

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  - access to world of work and learning
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  - supporting carers
- ▶ Social alarms and telecare
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# Getting 'Up to Date'

## Health and Wellbeing

The theme is 'prevention' (for all of us). But older people / consumers are more 'in focus' ... with a growing recognition that although some have specific needs, they are not a different species – to be 'done to'!

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## The Commercial Agenda

drawing from ACIITC Report of Dec 2019

- ▶ Australian Internet of Things (IoT) Market grew by 57% in 12 months to 2018
- ▶ Global smart home market to increase \$38.0→\$55.0bn from 2017 to 22 (BCC Research)
- ▶ Aged care technologies are a 'technology driven sector'
  - with questions, therefore, arising about
    - ... perspectives, knowledge and prejudices (in industry and other sectors) about older people
    - ... how those perspectives influence the design of products and services
    - ... how those perspectives influence the standards that underpin products and services
- ▶ Its not about any digital divide ... it's about a really interesting challenge that the innovators, designers, manufacturers can (and must) rise to!
  - ... around ethical approaches, some of which are embedded in 'design theory'
  - ... part of which relates to co-creation and 'drawing on the user experience (UX)'
  - ... demanding an understanding of older people as 'real' individuals, not simply as consumers



# Getting 'Real'

## The Older Consumer's Agenda 1

- Take it as read that all of us (regardless of age) want to keep control over our lives
  - ... designers, technologists, innovators must keep this in mind when they configure their products and services
  - ... Design Theory is a good start ... having the right 'mindset'; (with older people) engaging in co-creative activities, brainstorming, experimentation, piloting and rethinking after feedback



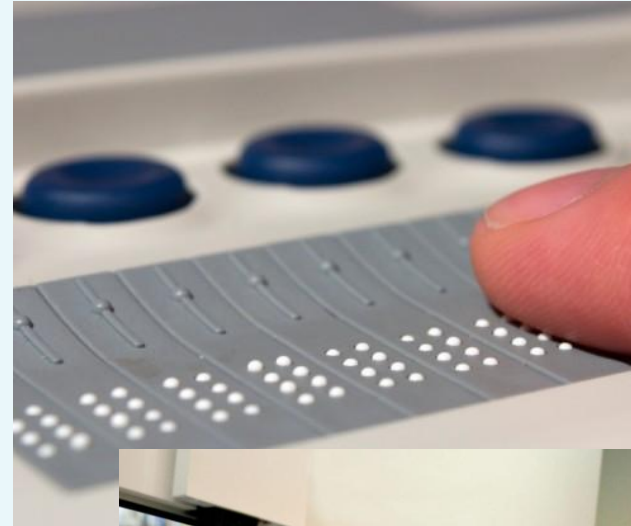
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## The Older Consumer's Agenda 2

### ► Wider parameters / ethical tenets

... drawing from the

1. PROGRESSIVE project on ICT standards and Ageing - [www.progressivestandards.org](http://www.progressivestandards.org)
2. The Age of No Retirement: Intergenerational Design Principles
3. European Commission 'thematic elements' for 'Responsible Research and Innovation'
4. ISO 26000 Guidelines on 'Social Responsibility'
5. Original 1953 'valued social goals' for CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) per Howard Bowen
6. The EIP on AHA (European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing) PUX Guidelines





# Getting 'Real'

## The Older Consumer's Agenda 3

### 'Ethical Criteria for Technologies and Services' from Older Consumers' Perspectives

Accessible	Facilitates Control	Non Stigmatising
Offers Choice	Gender Aware	Respects Human Rights and Labour Practices
Clear / Intuitive / Simple	Inclusive	Respects Privacy (e.g. Data)
Delightful	Supports Individual Development	Safe
Effortless	Interoperable	(Offers) Security
Empowering	Just / Fair	Conforms with Standards
Environmentally Responsible	Non-Intrusive	Sustainable
Flexible / Configurable	Not Age Specific	Transparent / Understandable
Different Formats	Not Time Consuming	User-Friendly

# Getting 'Real'

## How do Older Consumers Influence the Agenda? 1

... as we head deeper into the 2020s?

### ► Ask the important questions

... drawing on ethical criteria and (importantly) their sources e.g. [ISO 26000](#); [design theory](#), etc.

... maybe link to [ISO 52002 \(2019\)](#) on 'Innovation Management' - specifically sets out principles and approaches that include a range of stakeholders ...

- points to potential for developing creativity 'in collaboration with external interested parties' (0.1);
- places emphasis on regular determination of 'external issues that are relevant to its purpose', 'adaptability of strategies, processes, resource allocation, etc.' (4.1.2 and 4.1.3)
- encourages determination of 'how and when to interact ... with relevant interested parties' (4.2.1)
- promotes a 'culture that supports innovation' including 'networking, collaboration and participation internally and externally' (4.4.2.1)
- supports activities such as 'identifying user needs, expectations and challenges' and involving 'users, customers, ... other interested parties and networks' (4.4.3)
- supports visions that 'is consciously ambitious (and) challenges the status quo' (5.1.3)
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All with the aim  
of the  
**consumer's voice  
being heard**  
(engagement, co-  
creation, etc.)  
and getting  
**ethical criteria  
put into practice**  
– accessibility,  
usability, non-  
intrusiveness,  
etc. for products  
and services

## How do Older Consumers Influence the Agenda? 2

... head deeper into the 2020s?

- forces e.g. ISO 26000; design theory, etc.
- ‘management’ - specifically sets out principles and
- ‘relation with external interested parties’ (0.1);
- ‘issues that are relevant to its purpose’,
- ‘...’ (4.1.2 and 4.1.3)
- ‘with relevant interested parties’ (4.2.1)
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- ‘...’ (3)
- ‘... the status quo’ (5.1.3)
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# Getting 'Real'

## How do Older Consumers Influence the Agenda? 3

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- ▶ And so there is the appeal to various ethical issues and to the need for companies to accord with various standards
  - ... with the second increasingly including ethical dimensions – nurturing a greater consciousness of (changing mindsets?) environmental (ISO 14001) and social (ISO 26000) issues, plus requirements around risk and impact assessments.
  - ... there is even a draft standard for co-production submitted by the PROGRESSIVE project to CEN (the European standards body)
- ▶ Acting directly or through (older people's) representative organisations
- ▶ Engaging with representative organisations where providers or companies are members
  - such as the - Aged Care Industry Information Technology Council (ACIITC)
    - improving the quality of care through support and education for providers (using IT)*
  - and/or the Digital Health Cooperative Research Centre (DHCRC)
    - empowering patients; improving access to quality care; supporting clinical practice*



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