

10 Years of Meaningful Co-design

The Glasgow School of Art (GSA) is a founding partner in the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (DHI). Launched in partnership with University of Edinburgh in 2013, the core partners in the DHI are currently The University of Strathclyde and GSA.

Our multi-disciplinary team of Design Researchers and Creative Technologists based at the GSA's Innovation School in Glasgow and Moray work across urban and rural contexts – locally, nationally, and internationally. The DHI connect designers, researchers, healthcare providers, SMEs, charities, national and local decision makers, and citizens to work collaboratively and innovate health and care in Scotland. We have worked with more than 3,000 citizens, 1,000 health and care professionals and 75 project partners across Scotland and beyond.

Why Design?

As a core partner, GSA brings expertise in design-led innovation and world-class research in health and care, to the DHI. Our participatory design approach to innovation is person-centred not technology-driven, focusing on understanding the lived experience of people and their preferable future ways of living and working. Participants with lived experience are supported to share their stories, challenges and ideas using bespoke methods and tools. Through visualisation, collaborative making, prototyping, and simulation we enable new ways of collaborative working and the translation of insights into future health and care products, services, and systems.

This exhibition showcases a selection of projects to celebrate ten years of meaningful co-design at the DHI. We have chosen ten examples of lived experience engagements that informed concepts for innovating health and care across a range of diverse contexts and topics.

