



RE-IMAGINING **LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE**
an international study of promising practices

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Healthy Ageing in Residential Places

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Promising Practices

- treat both providers and residents with dignity and respect
- understand care as a relationship
- take differences and equity into account
- allow residents and staff to flourish

Why Promising Practices?

- Rarely a single, right way
- Context matters, and at multiple levels
- Conditions of work are conditions of care



Why Promising Practices?

- Multiple interests mean asking for whom practices are promising, under what conditions
- Attending to gender, racialization, class, sexuality
- Recognizing tensions and contradictions within and outside residences
- It's mainly about ideas worth sharing.

Who's Involved

- 26 academic co-investigators
 - 12 disciplines
 - Six countries
- Five union partners
- Two employer association partners
- Post-docs, graduate students
- Community and advocacy groups



Overarching Methods

Layers:

1. Mapping
2. Design phase
3. Rapid
Ethnographies
4. Data analysis and
integration



Methodological Assumptions

- Interdisciplinary approaches
- Fresh eyes, collective work central
- Multiple methods capture complexity as well as multiple views
- Those who work, live and visit in Itrc provide an authentic picture
- Attend to noises and silences

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Care as a Relationship Requires:

- Adequate staff and an appropriate staff mix
- A stable workforce
- Time
- Standards effectively enforced



Care as a Relationship Requires:

- Appropriate training and education
- Appropriate working conditions
- An integrated health care system
- Work done in-house, by employees
- Tolerating some risks

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