**What will society need to look like to make a success of Four- and Five-Generation Living?**

Rising life expectancy means that for the first time in history, four and five generations of people are alive at the same time. This comes at a time when society is facing significant disruption from exponential technological progress, globalization, urbanization and escalating inequality.

Designing societies, towns, communities and families in an era of five -generations requires understanding a full range of impacts: a new approach to housing stock and financing models; a workforce that allows for renewal and growth in the face of AI and automation; integrated, ageless systems of mobility; healthcare systems that are proactive and designed for chronic conditions rather than reactive and acute, and education systems that allow for lifelong learning, among others.

As we explore these topics, some questions stand out:

* What is our vision for 4 and 5 generation society?
* What can we do to reduce ageism?
* How do we make it easier for people in large houses to downsize and avoid social isolation?
* How can we encourage intergenerational living between strangers?
* What differences in house design and related products and services are needed?
* How can we make it easier for older people to share their wisdom with younger generations?
* How can we encourage the local community to support people with limited family support?

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