

Looking for Participants!

The research project ReThiCare asks for your support in the search for participants for group discussions on the elderly care of the future.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

as part of the ReThiCare project (Rethinking Care Robotics), an interdisciplinary research project of the Bauhaus University Weimar, the Chemnitz University of Technology and the SDU in Odense (Denmark), we are looking for participants for group discussions.

The research project is concerned with alternative concepts for technical aids and assistive technologies which should support the institutional care routine and enable dignified care while at the same time relieving the burden on caregivers. To this end, we develop and evaluate concepts for technical assistance systems to support care staff and which are designed to meet the different needs of the residents of a care facility. The focus here is on facilitating care work and improving working conditions through new technical aids, while not reducing the number of staff members. Our ideas range from very concrete solutions for a specific problem to conceptual ideas that address less debated problems of care work.

In the next step, we would like to include the perspectives of residents and nursing staff in our work. For this we need your support!

We are looking for people who are willing and have time to discuss our ideas with us. This includes a guided discussion about concrete prototypes, of which we have prepared videos that show them in the context of institutional care settings and which address diverse problems in care practice. The time required for a group discussion is about 2 hours.

We are looking for:

- **Persons employed in the stationary care sector** (nursing staff, nursing specialists as well as persons from the management of care facilities. **Former employees** are also cordially invited).
- **Persons in need of care** (institutionally cared for, in day care or ambulant care)
- **Senior citizens** who are not yet in need of care, but who are interested in the topic.

Due to the current pandemic, the group discussions can only take place online. Any device (computer or tablet) with a microphone and a webcam is suitable for participation. We reimburse your time with 30 Euros. All important information about participation is summarized on the back.

If you know any other people who might be interested
in participating, please forward this call to them!

Further information about the project can be found at: rethicare.info

Important information about your participation:

- Please contact us informally via email at: teilnahme@rethicare.info
- We need the following general information from you: Age, status group (employee / in need of care / senior citizen), preferred video telephony program (Skype / Zoom / BigBlueButton), preferred time slot if available.
- We reimburse your time with 30 Euros.
- If you need assistance with participation, we will be happy to try to organize it. Please do let us know in advance.
- An appointment will be arranged in close consultation with you. Dates will be available in December 2020 at the earliest and in January and February 2021.
- A computer or laptop with microphone and camera (webcam) as well as a stable internet connection is required for participation.
- We will inform you in advance by phone and mail about the exact course of the group discussion.
- Your participation will be treated confidentially. The workshop sessions will be recorded and analyzed. Participants must agree to the collection and use of their data for academic and teaching purposes before participation. You can decide to what extent images from the sessions may be passed on to third parties.
- Multiple participation is possible and welcome.
- We guarantee exciting discussions about assistive technologies in the field of care!

For all further questions we are of course at your disposal!

With kind regards
The ReThiCare Team

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