

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a yellow pencil, drawing a colorful floral pattern on a piece of paper. The drawing features a large purple flower with yellow and green accents. The background is a red and white checkered tablecloth.

Bringing Museums close to the Elderly

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Museum Services for the Elderly

- Museum experiences affect the health and well-being of the elderly in multiple ways
- Three examples of museum enjoyment outside of museums: Car Trunk Museum, Museum packages for lending out and Museum Moments via video calls




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Car Trunk Museum

- exhibits from the handling collection and photo archive are assembled in the trunk of a car
- tour across the city stops at the yards of elderly care homes etc.
- specially meant for those elderly people who cannot move far from their home
- collaboration with the staff



My mother used to
drink coffee from a
saucer like this!

Is this a flea market?

- some of visitors want to buy items and are surprised it's not possible
- informal, surprising, delightful
- focus in meeting, interacting, sharing
- visitor with memory loss disease can find word when she sees the item
- participation with own item

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Museum Packages for lending out

- themed packages are given on loan for an agreed period of time free of charge
- great tool for reminiscing and discussion
- variety, interaction, feeling of togetherness



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childhood



local history



art



textiles



art



professions



Sound Museums

- archived digital sound and photos
- animals, nature, human activities, radio and movies, mechanical house tools, music etc.
- written museum pedagogical material, tips
- 3 Sound Museum units interests many generations and professions



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Moment in Nature

- nature experience indoors: sound and photos
- wood and plywood, computer and screen
- listening, watching, touching, reminiscing, telling, sharing

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Photo: Laura Hoppo

Museum moments via video calls

- City of Tampere offers video calls as part of home care services; nursing staff can call the customers daily in matters related to their care
- Museum Moments for small groups
- sharing thoughts and memories with each other



Photo: Mari Penttinen

Video phone connects to the living room

- small studio and team of 2 persons
- easy to participate: sign up in advance with the help from the care staff, show up next to tablet when the event begins
- reduce loneliness and detachment, enjoy the company and discussions

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