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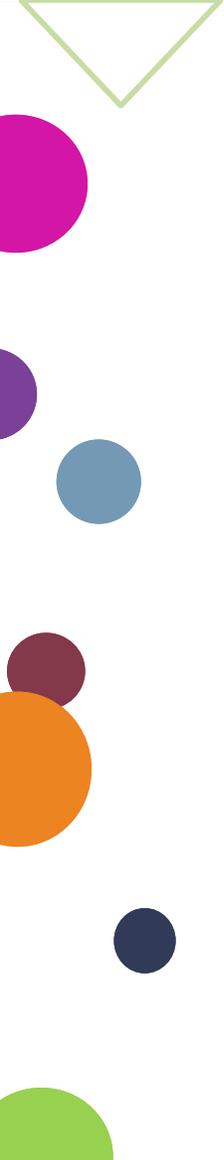


# Home & Placemaking with acquired brain injury

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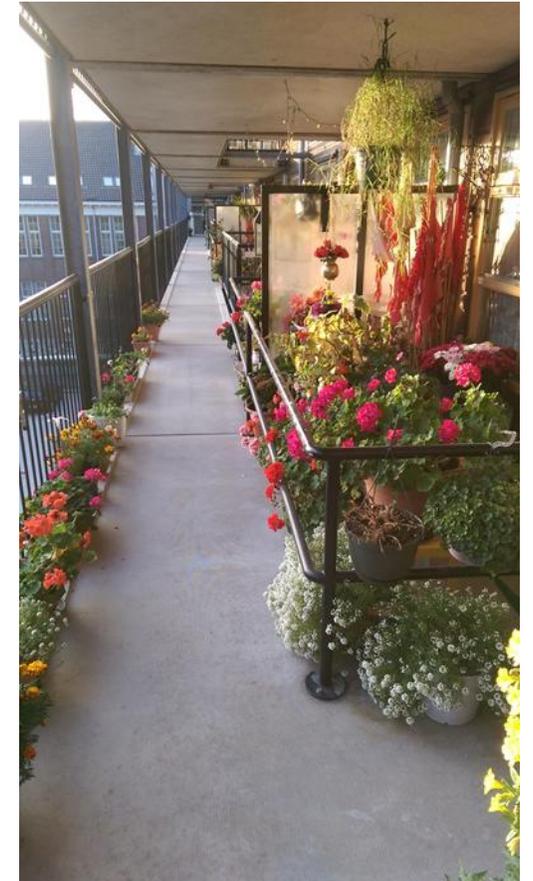
# The black hole





# Home- and place-making

- > **Places form part of your identities**
  - Where do you belong?
- > **Life course**
  - Changes in identities
  - Changes in important places
- > **Feeling 'in place' contributes to well-being**
- > **Example: migration**



Source: Meijering & Bailey (2023);  
picture: Ruben Bouwman



# Dimensions of home

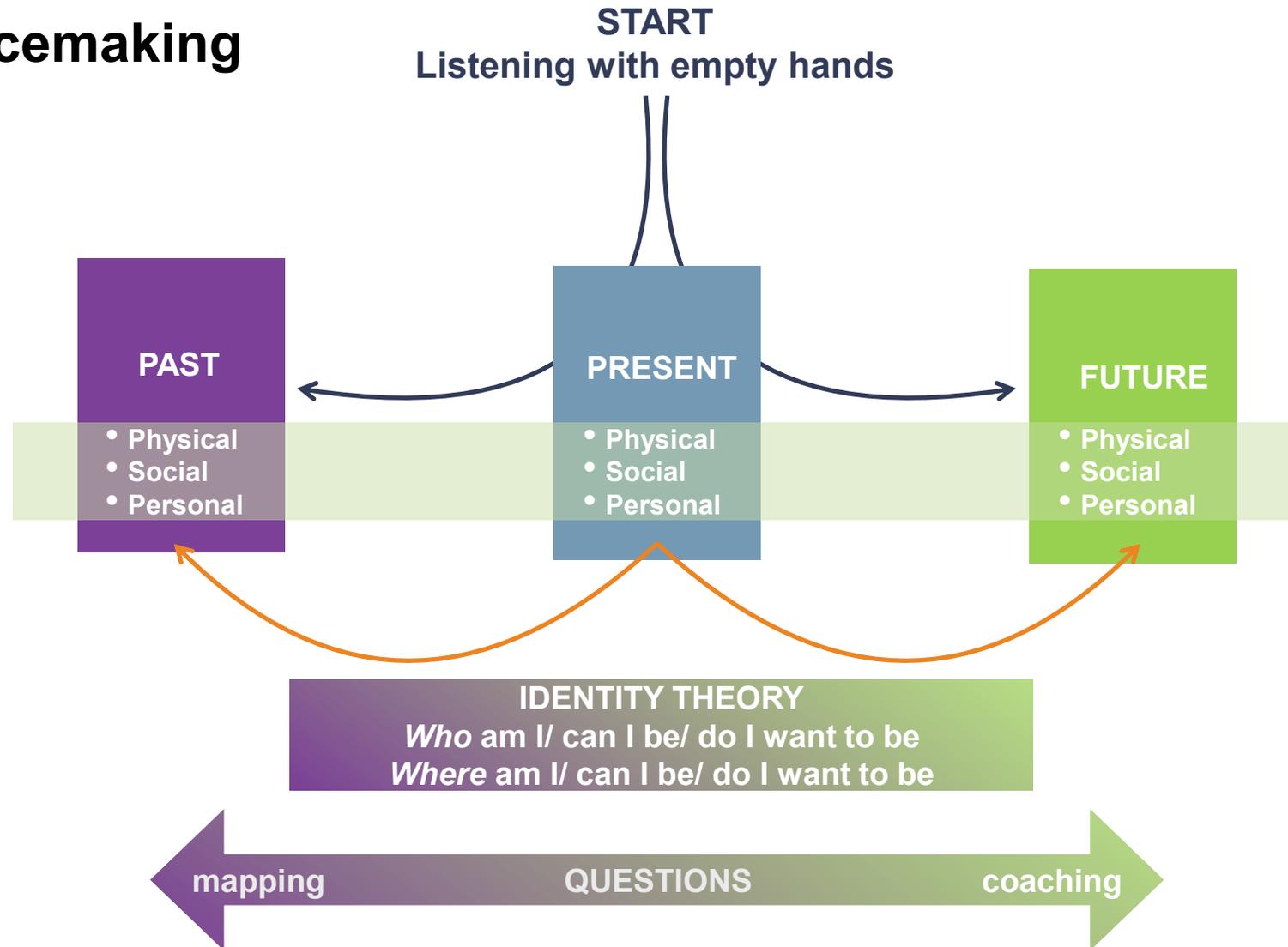
- > **The physical home**
  - Structure and objects
  - Bodily awareness
  - Behavioural rituals
- > **The social home**
  - Social meaning of a place
  - Social order, interaction with others
- > **The personal home**
  - Meaning of a place considering life events, past and present



Source: Tanner et al. (2008); Meijering et al. (2016)



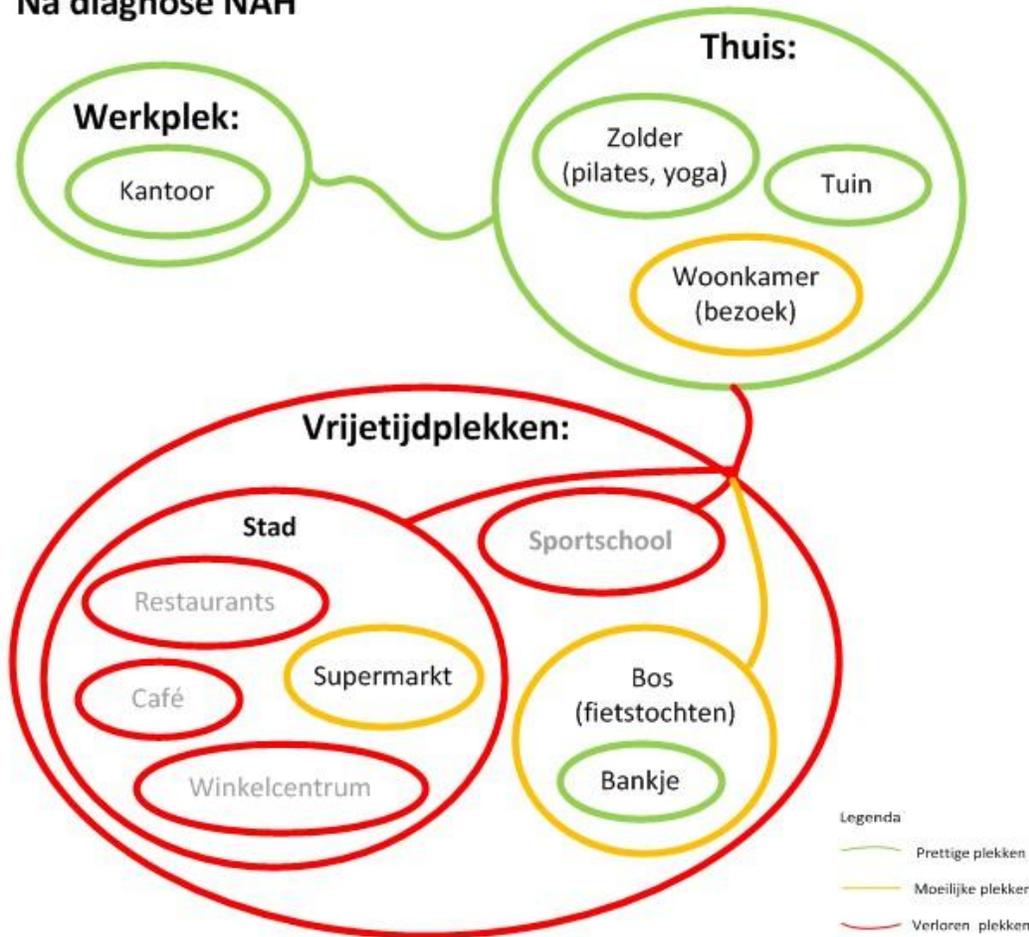
# Home and Placemaking framework





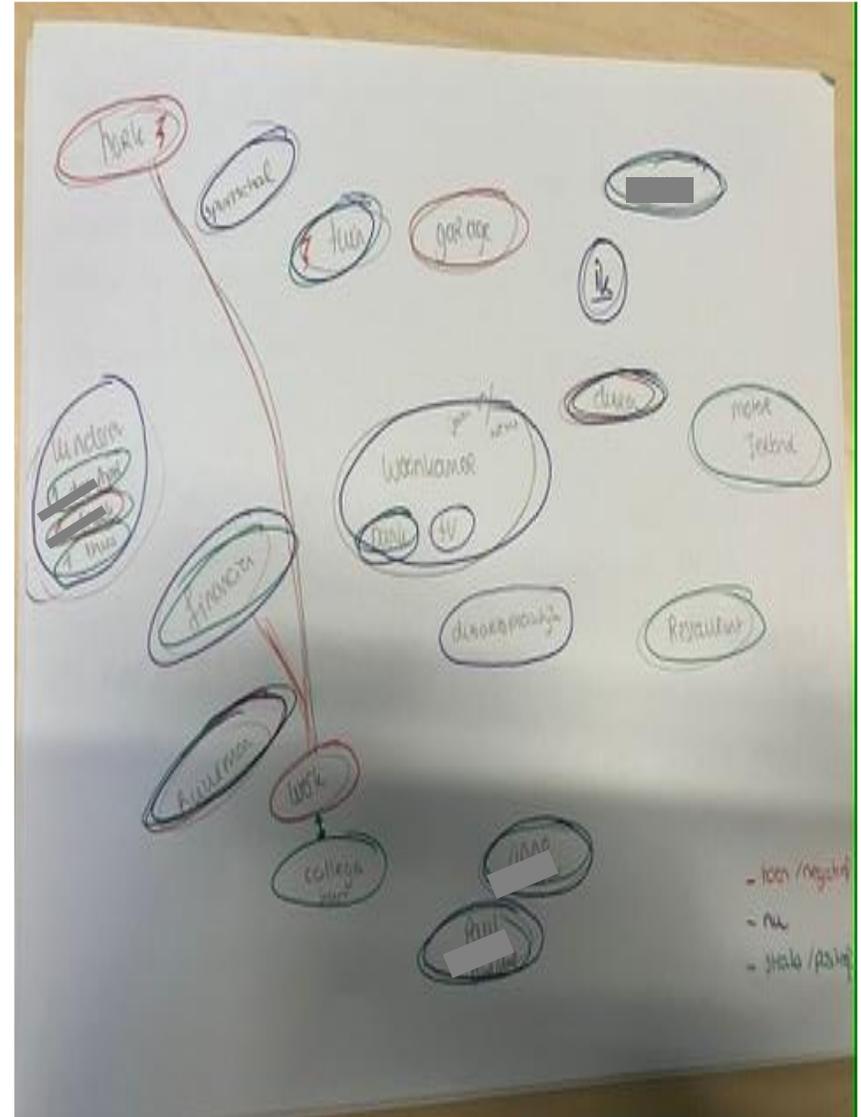
# Place mapping

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# Place map in practice





# The Home and Placemaking innovation

- Co-created across disciplines
- From theory to toolbox
- Everyday life at the centre
- Meaningful places guide conversations and interventions
- Beyond roles – holistic, demedicalising



# What do experts by experience say

- “You can see who you are again”
- “I discovered how many places in my life contributed to my rehabilitation and who I am now with brain injury”
- “To see it concretely on the paper, very useful for me because before, I didn’t see it and when I’m not seeing it, I’m not feeling it”
- “It made it easier to talk about my feelings because I saw it concretely and it was close to me instead of a fixed protocol of questions fired at you”
- “I would love for everyone to have this experience to see what they do and who they are with or without the brain injury”





# What do health professionals say

- “Everything I’ve learnt as a neuro physiotherapist, in education and by experience, comes together now”
- “Easy to use”
- “It brings peace of mind because it makes things clear through the visualisation”
- “Through the place you feel the emotions, and without touching the brain, there’s no drive”
- “There’s life after stroke, and that gives hope”
- “You start with the client’s own story through the places”
- “The client feels in charge of his life because it’s his story”





# Home and Placemaking

- People feel acknowledged and taken seriously
- Everyday life explored through meaningful places
- Attention to the whole family context
- Deepens the impact of interventions
- Triggers meaningful conversations
- Easy to integrate in everyday practice