

# Transdisciplinarity: the future of research?

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# Overview

- Why transdisciplinarity?
- The trajectory
- Highlights
- The vision

# Piaget (1972)

*'Higher stage succeeding interdisciplinary relationships...which would not only cover interactions or reciprocities between specialised research projects, but would place these relationships within a total system, without any firm boundaries between disciplines'*

# Transdisciplinarity

*Complex problems need creative solutions*

- Transcending traditional academic traditions
- Unity of knowledge – holism- between/across/beyond
- Multiple levels of reality
- Requires: knowledge, moderation, mediation, association & transfer
- Inclusion of stakeholders

Tempelhoff (2014)

# On paper

- BSW
- MSocSci
- PhD
- CPsychol
- FHEA
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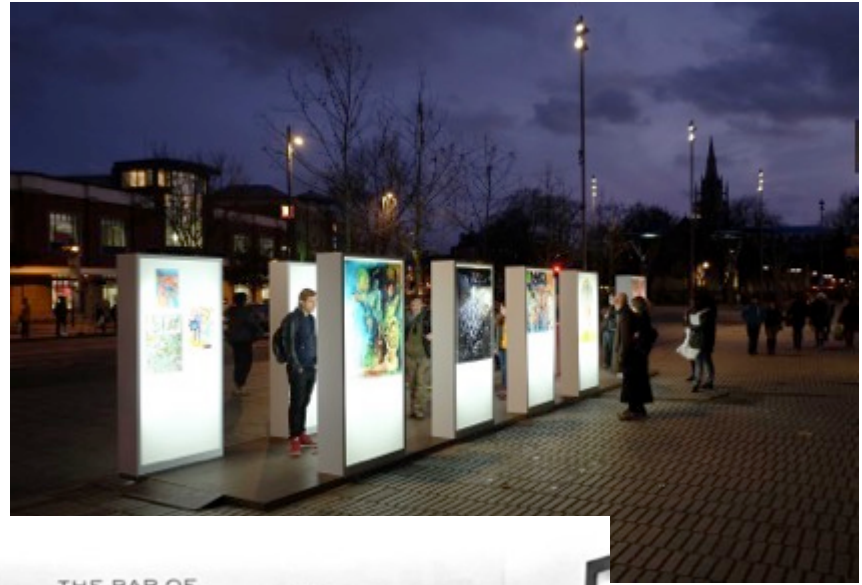
# Characteristics of a transdisciplinary scholar

- *'...abilities to think in a complex, interlinked manner, & acknowledge the pain inherent in abandoning one's intellectual comfort zone by working outside one's home discipline, & engaging in new modes of thinking & taking action'* (Augsburg, 2014)



image: dementia + imagination

# Entering other worlds...





# Art in the Asylum (2013)



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# House for a Gordian Knot (2014)



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# Dementia & Imagination (2014-17)



# Public Engagement



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# Antiques Roadshow Detectives (2015)



# Silver Lining (2016)

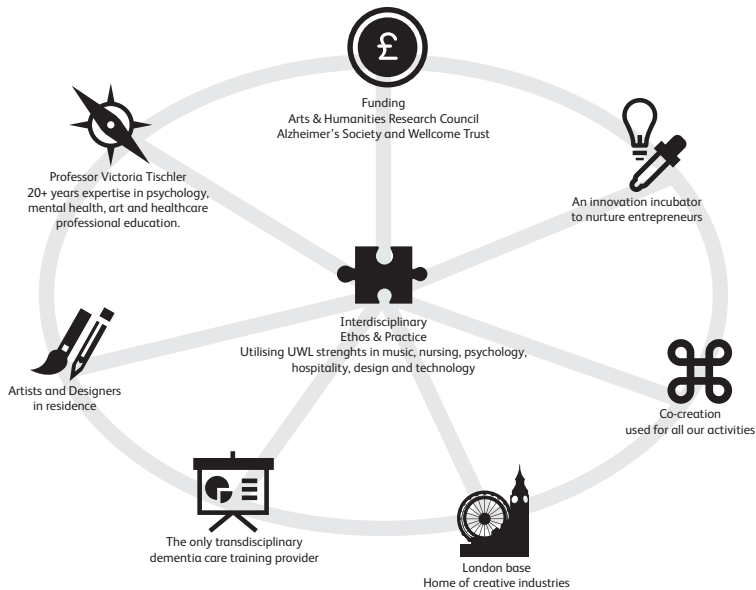


# Boots UK



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# The Dementia Care Centre- UWL



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