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# 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
  - AFBPsS
- **Tischler, V.** (2017) 'It takes me into another dimension': an evaluation of mental health-themed exhibitions in outdoor urban areas." *Arts and Health*
  - **Tischler, V.**, Carone, L. and Mistry, J. (2016) The gallery as therapeutic venue: Exploring visitor perceptions in a contemporary art space. *J of Applied Arts and Health*
  - Windle, G., Newman, A., Burholt, V., Woods, B., O'Brien, D., Baber, M., Hounscome, B., Parkinson, C. & **Tischler, V.** (2016) Dementia and Imagination: a mixed-methods protocol for arts and science research *BMJ Open* 6:e011634. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2016-011634
  - Griffiths, S., Denning, T., Beer, C. and **Tischler, V.** (2016) Mementos from Boots multisensory boxes: qualitative evaluation of an intervention for people with dementia: innovative practice. *Dementia*

# Characteristics of a transdisciplinary scholar

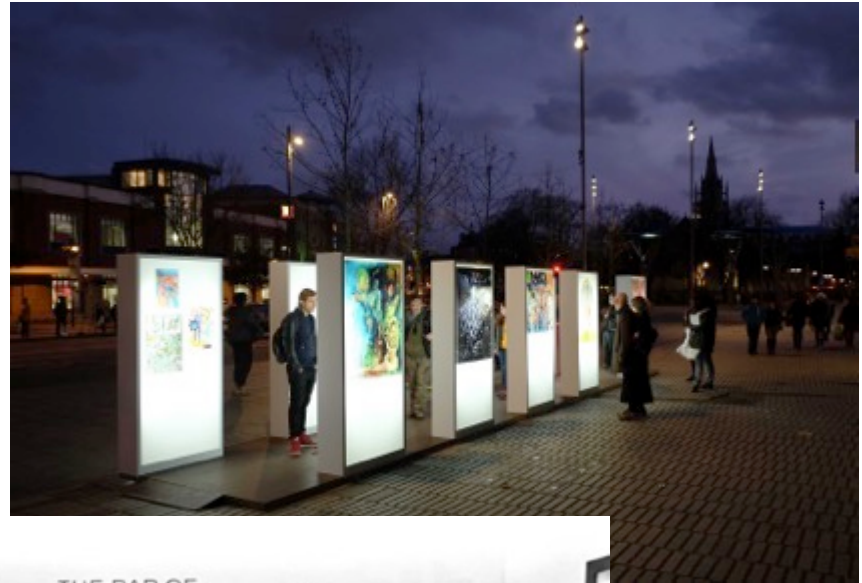
- *‘...abilities to think in a complex, interlinked manner, & acknowledge the pain inherent in abandoning one’s intellectual comfort zone by working outside one’s home discipline, & engaging in new modes of thinking & taking action’* (Augsburg, 2014)



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)



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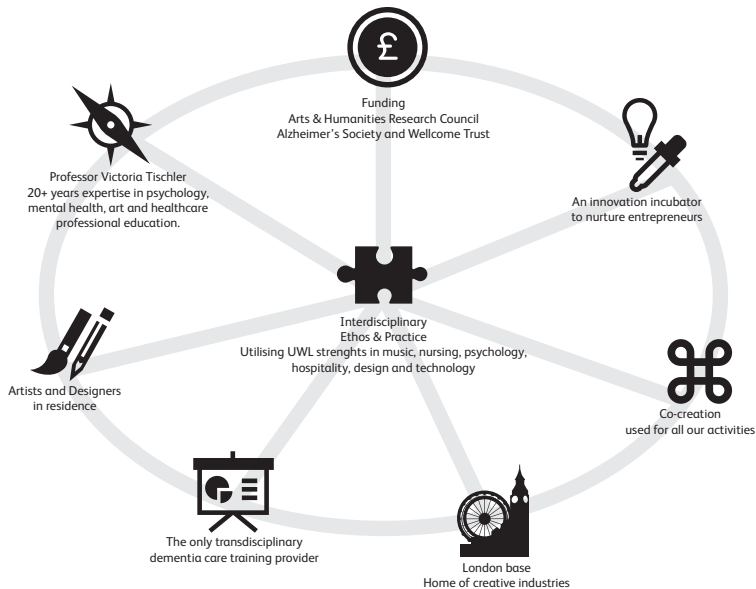
# Boots UK



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# Coming up...Latitude Festival & Hysteria (2017)



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