

Jim Dunn0:04

Hello.

Can you hear me OK?

PJ

Pepper, Jessica0:09

So yes, we can hear you.

JD

Jim Dunn0:11

Ohh, fantastic. I'm relieved.

PJ

Pepper, Jessica0:13

Let's just let's just turn that turn our speaker down a little bit. Is that OK?

Hi and welcome back everyone. I'm delighted to introduce Professor Jim Dunn, who is joining us at some time in the morning and over in Canada in McMaster. Is it about 9:00 o'clock your time?

JD

Jim Dunn0:38

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PJ

Pepper, Jessica0:40

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And Jim is the department chair and urban geographer at McMaster in Canada, and he's interested in living communities as they undergo transformations and explore how built environments affects the mental and physical health in neighbokCI410.57ra name

that there's a lot less of that in the UK, there's at least there's certainly still a fair bit of it recently.

folks who might be dependent on this. And so the, The upshot of this is that we need to think about the urban infrastructure from a universal design perspective where.

The level of disability that people experience is partly about their functioning, but also about the environment, and this really speaks back to that point that I made a moment ago whereby being in an inappropriate kind of environment actually may curtail the length of time that you can maintain your independence. And if we can provide options for people to get into environments where they can prolong their independent living, that is actually really beneficial, both individually and and, you know, from a public interest and the.

The the challenge, of course, is making sure that those are adequately supplied and that there's trusted pathways for people to get from where they are now to those kinds of environments.

And then, you know, one of the things that we have that leads I I think with this driver's license problem and and the urban infrastructure for us is gonna be the the risk of social isolation, which we know from pretty good evidence base is, is quite deadly.

Now this is a very Canadian thing. As much as all of us would love to believe that this is how we're we get around in winter. The reality of it for us is actually it's quite a bit more like this.

And actually, winter, winter transportation is is actually an incredibly dangerous for people with

somehow were failure and you know, very common for me to encounter people say, like when I present this kind of A-frame to them say.

Yeah. The only way I've been taken out is in a box. You know, those sorts of things. So that's that's definitely something that's that's kind of an issue. And then of course, the dignity of risk thing is also that so much of what we do for older adults.

Is really focused on risk minimization at the expense of and often at the expense of of people's independence and independent decision making and so forth. And so I think people in the audience are probably likely familiar with this this term.

PJ

Pepper, Jessica24:37

Charge up.

JD

Jim Dunn24:40

Oh, there you are.

PJ

Pepper, Jessica24:46

Can you hear me now? OK.

JD

Jim Dunn24:48

Yes, yes.

PJ

Pepper, Jessica24:50

Thank you so much for a wonderful presentation. It really tied in beautifully with with the presentation that's gone before and what we're going to do now is we're going to open up questions because, Jim, we've had presentations this afternoon and then we've saved up all the questions to the end. So we're just going to open it out now.

JD

Jim Dunn25:08

Oh great.