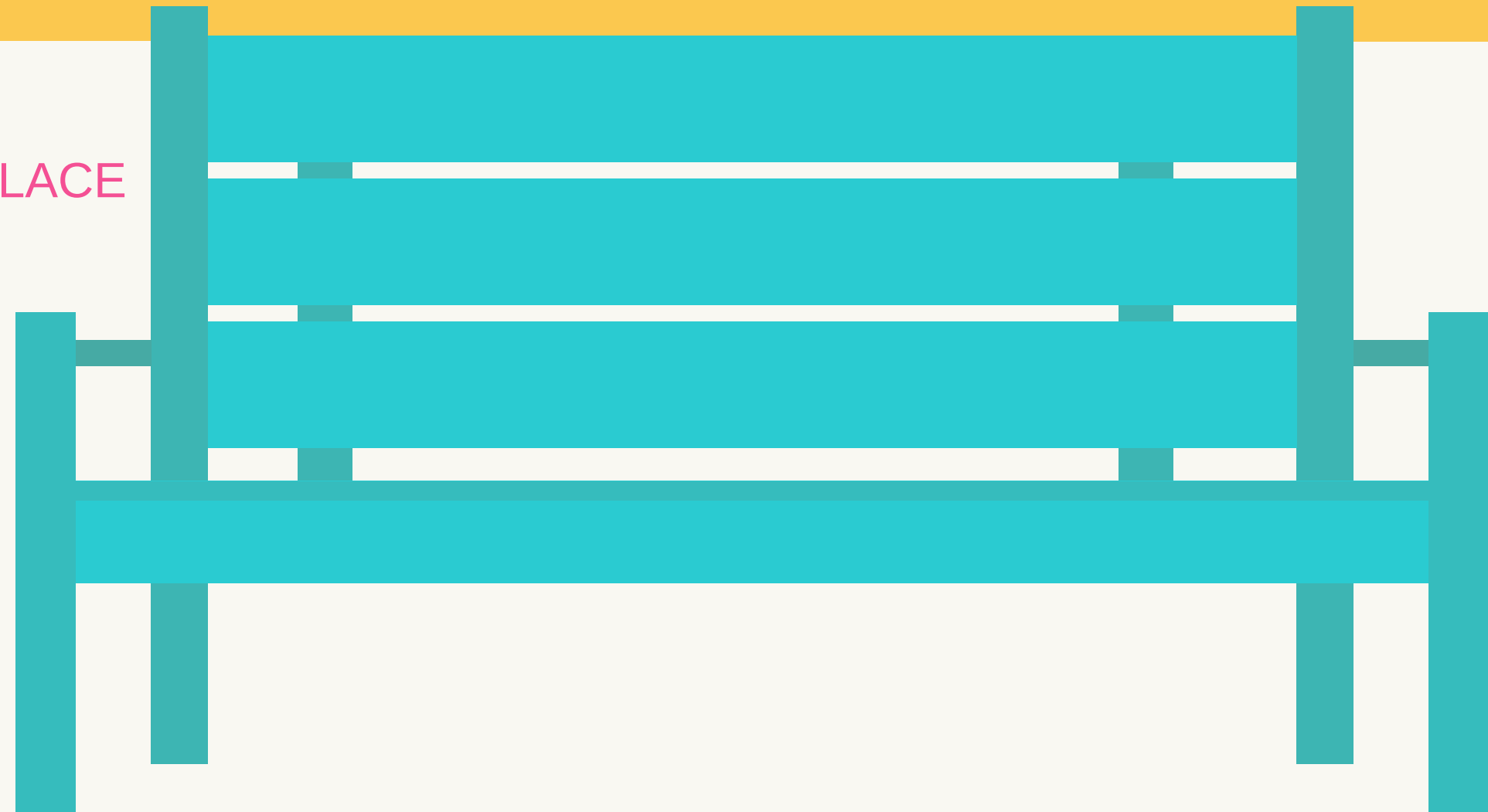


Come Sit with Me

MAKING TIME FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL IN YOUR SHARED PLACE

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AUDIENCE

We are creating a shared experience for people living with Alzheimer's, relatives and thinking about the needs of the carer. In our design we bring people together in a special place and reality chosen by them, so they can talk together. We are designing this from the ground up using our own family experience and learning from this event to make our design as appropriate and inclusive as possible.



PROBLEM



MEANINGFUL SHARED
EXPERIENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE
LIVING WITH DEMENTIA AND
THEIR RELATIVES ARE
DECREASING IN FREQUENCY

MOTIVATION/INSPIRATION



WAITING FOR GODOT

Samuel Beckett

PERSONAL STORY

Cath and Francis



Jayne Wallace – Tales of I

SHARED EXPERIENCES

We want to support shared experience

NOT JUST A PIECE OF FURNITURE

Make VR part of the routine

APPROACH



TALES OF I
JAYNE WALLACE

FAMILY CURATED

SCHEDULED

FOR CARER,
PERSON LIVING
WITH DEMENTIA
AND FAMILY

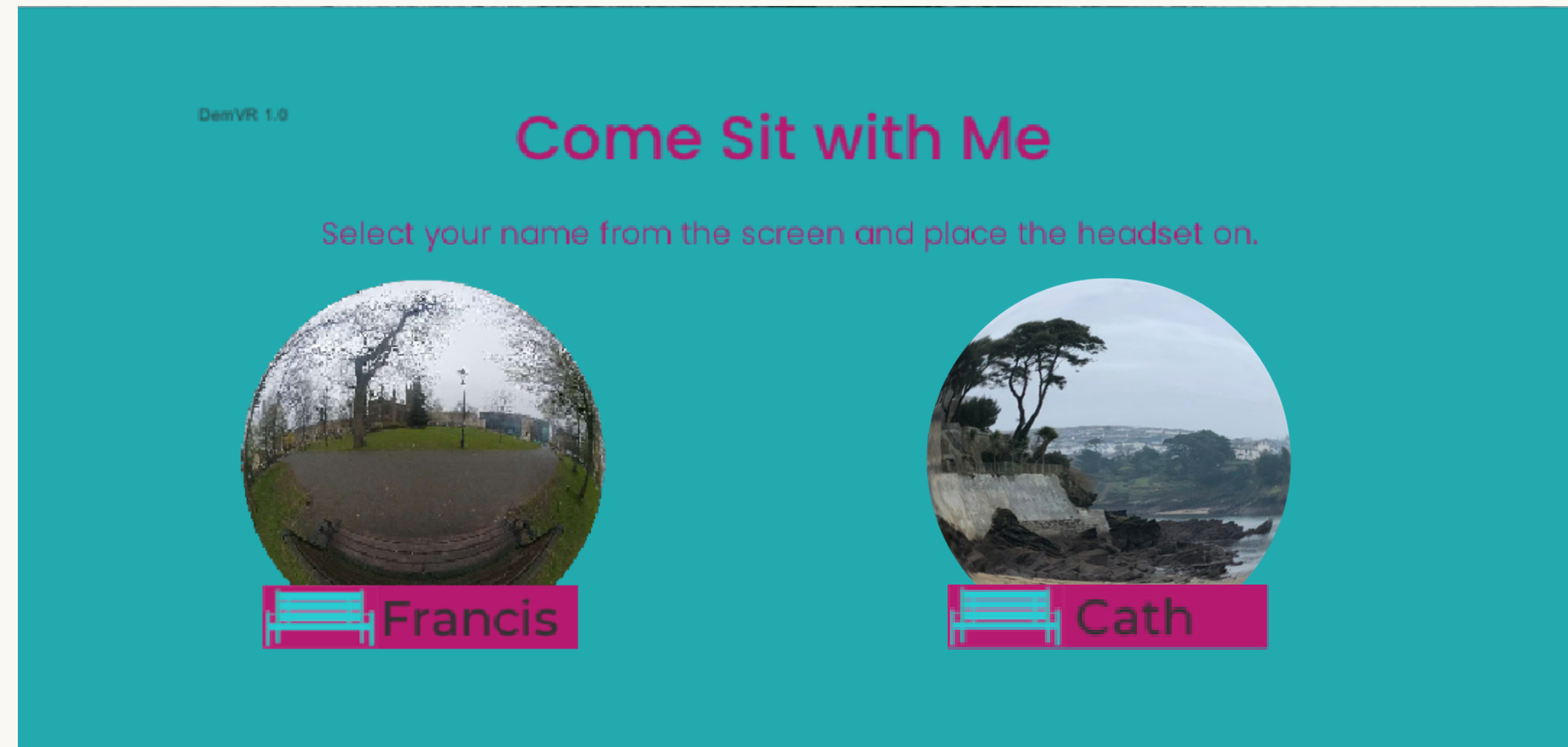
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USER EXPERIENCE

Videos have interesting detail – so fit in background but can be foregrounded in the conversation

UI does not have buttons – carer has simple menu. VR is an ambient experience. NO UI.

Video last for the duration of the scheduled time. The length is carefully chosen.



FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

SECURITY

How does it work?
Who can access?
How can we restrict access?

We don't want to connect the wrong people.

AVATARS

Rejecting the idea at this stage.

We don't want floating heads and ghostly images.

How do you do video conferencing with headsets on?

VIDEOS

Better choices of videos.

How do we approach consent?

What is appropriate and what is too much?



**We are on GitHub –
SitWithMe**



REFLECTIONS

We need to understand people's days

We are "envious" of your time and understanding with carers – we love it and need more!

Having Howard on Skype was eye-opening (loss of friends)

Need to design from a place of deep understanding – instead of the fanciest VR experience we should be thinking about the simplest

Should we even "have" a UI?