POSTER 3 – FINAL DESIGN

PERFORMANCE

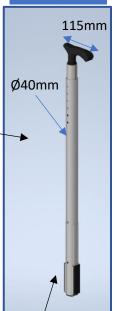
Many elderly people, especially those with joint pain and muscle weakness, struggle to stand for long periods of time, and have difficulty moving between the seated and standing positions. The final design is a portable walking stick that can be deployed into a standing frame by splitting apart into two halves. This frame aids the user in standing up from a seated position or supports them while they are standing.

COLLAPSED

DEPLOYED

MATERIALS + ERGONOMICS

To ensure comfort, the handles have an ergonomic shape and are made from rubber. The main parts of the device are made from sturdy aluminium.







ATTACHMENT OF TWO HALVES



GEOMETRY

When not deployed as a frame, the device can be transported easily as a walking stick.

OPERATION

Rubber grips to improve usage, especially when outdoors.

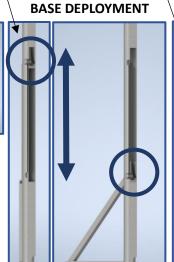
SAFETY

The device has no exposed sharp edges.

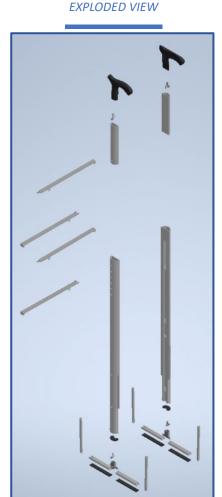
GEOMETRY + ERGONOMICS

The device is adjustable in 5 increments of 2.5cm for users of heights of 158cm - 183cm. (1) Future alterations could be made in the design to allow for a wider range of adjustment to fit the requirements list.

The device is uncomplicated to use and requires minimal force to operate. The adjustments in height, and the deployment of the base, are done by a simple spring push button and sliding the tube. The two halves of the device are held by friction with some clips and are separated by pulling the sides apart.







PERFORMANCE

Wide base to support

user while standing.

1) Art Walking Sticks. How to measure your walking cane, stick size. Accessed 2023, December 14th https://artwalkingsticks.com/en-gb/blogs/blog/howmeasure-your-walking-cane-stick-size