



The Astonishing Visit



COMPANY

Astonishing Ltd

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ABOUT

The Astonishing Visit is a new intervention to reduce loneliness for people with less mobility by empowering them to travel the world virtually, together with faraway family.

It's like a virtual day out. At-risk people - older people, the disabled, the chronically ill - call loved ones through customised VR goggles; and on the call they both share a 360° journey of their choice - like flying over the Alps or exploring New York City.

Family don't need an app or an account, simply a connected phone, tablet or computer. The VR goggles require neither computer nor phone and have a patent-pending design which is more simple, hygienic and comfortable for people in care.

TEAM



Alex Davies Moore, Engineering

Alex has built VR and 3D experiences for Canon and Ordnance Survey and content delivery systems for Qualcomm.



Delia Parrinello, Physical Design

Delia has designed a companion accessory for Huawei phones and a bio-monitoring suit for psychosis while at University of the Arts London.



Katie Shuford, Research

Katie has conducted public health research among vulnerable populations for Imperial College and the Centers For Disease Control.



Nicholas Babaian, Product & Sales

Nick crafted communication products at Skype, Yahoo!, Touchnote, Microsoft and Lifecake - a family sharing app he co-founded and sold to Canon.