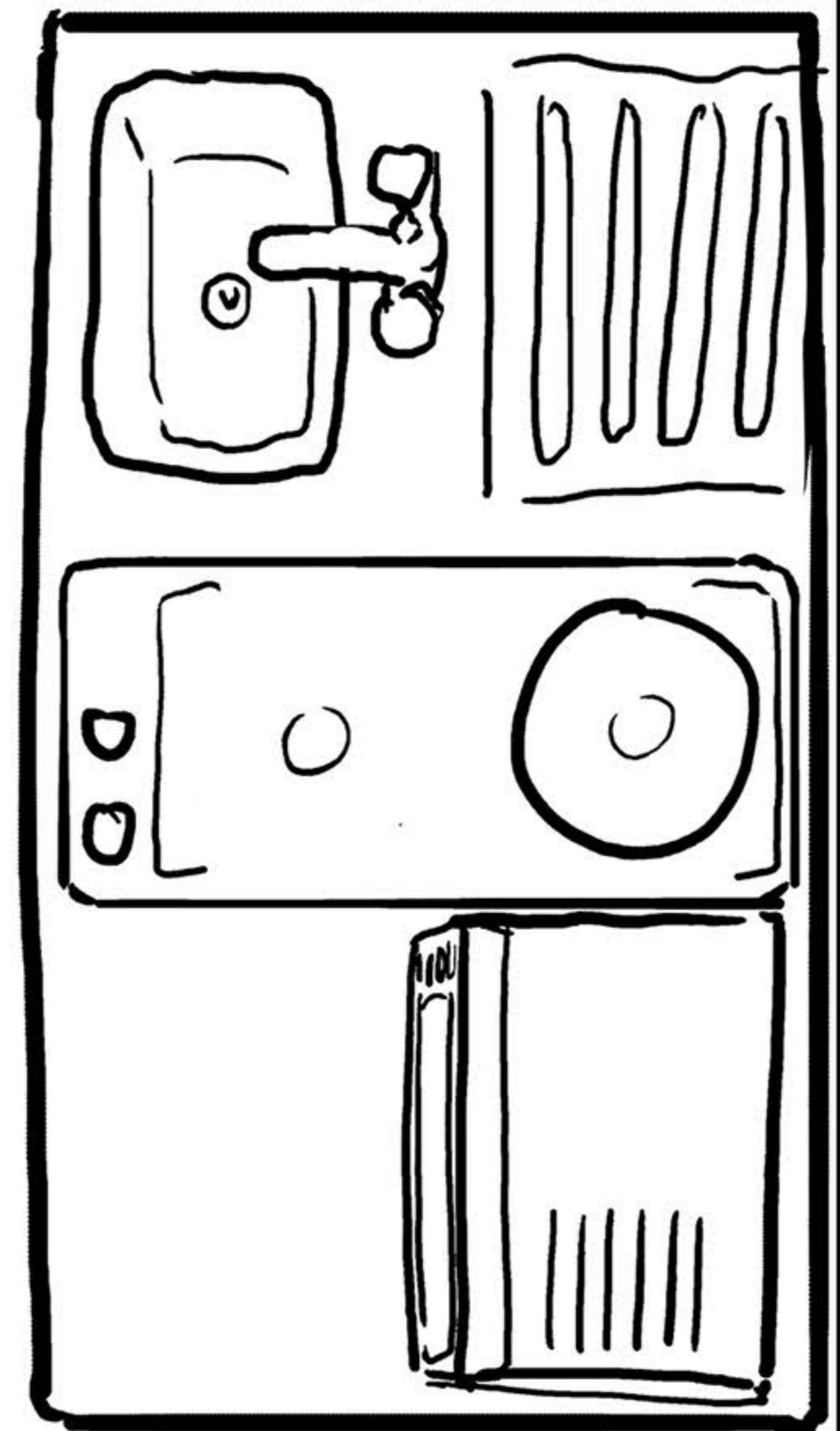


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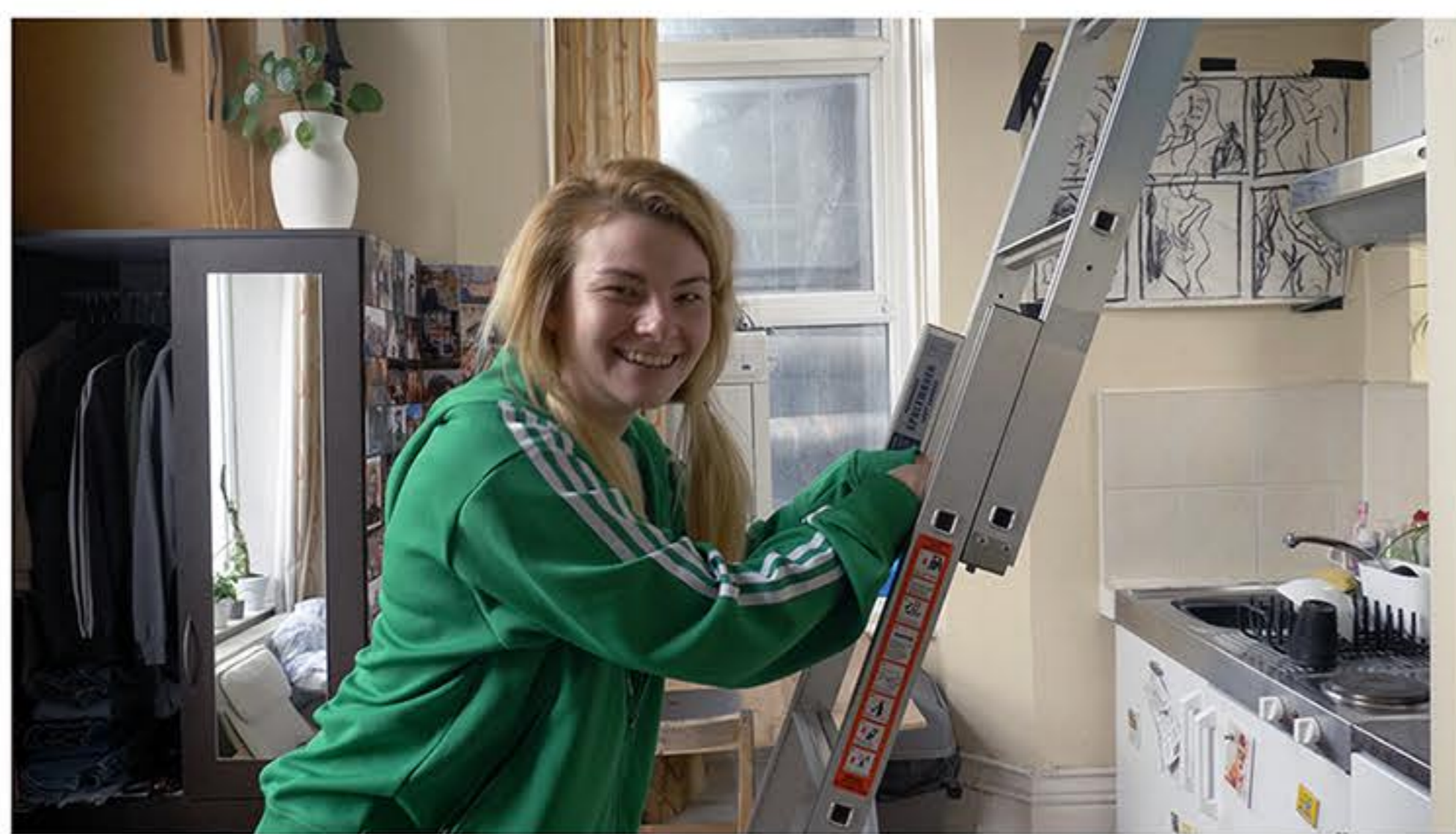
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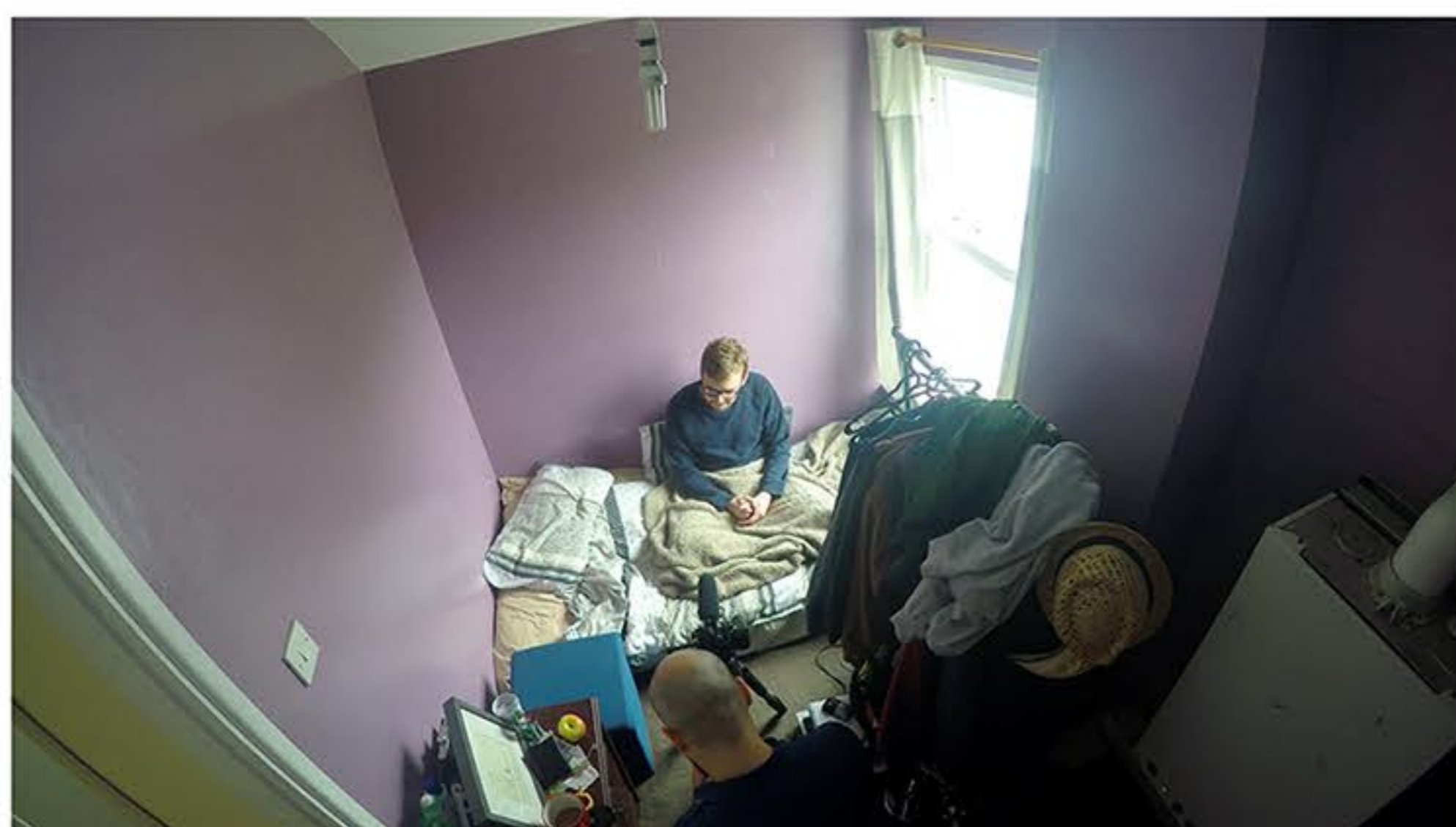
The UK has the smallest sized living spaces in all of Europe, and habitable space is continuing to shrink.



“Rabbit-hutch” Britain has some individuals inhabiting floor spaces as small as 12ft by 12ft - barely larger than a prison cell. Global cities such as London, San Francisco and Tokyo continue to increase in both rent prices and population, forcing individuals into smaller and more cramped environments. Given this, what is the effect of small living spaces and how does they affect us?



RIBA cited research shows that new homes in Ireland, Holland and Denmark were respectively found to be 15%, 53% and 80% bigger than those in the UK.



57% of people surveyed by RIBA said there was not enough storage space in their homes, whilst in a study by CABE, 35% said there was not enough space for kitchen appliances.

The aim of the project is to represent individual living experiences across the UK.

The film research examines whether these individuals' living needs are being met by their accommodation. The workbook responds to the results of the film as a visual record.



“When we think about micro-living, we have a tendency to focus on functional things, like is there enough room for the fridge,”

“But an apartment has to fill other psychological needs as well, such as self-expression and relaxation, that might not be as easily met in a highly cramped space.”

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