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Summer Edition Newsletter No.5

This is the last in the series of 2020 Summer Newsletters. This week:

Top Ten most viewed posts on CUDA website in 2019

No.1 The 7 Principles of universal design

The seven principles of universal design were devised in the mid nineties, but still hold today. They remain a good reference point or framework for designing any building, open space, product, phone app, or document. They were developed by a working group of architects, product designers, engineers and environmental design researchers led by the late Ron Mace (pictured). A good example of explaining ...

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No 2 The 8 Goals of Universal Design

The Seven Principles of Universal Design (NCSU, 1997) are well known in the universal design fraternity and have been used as a baseline for designing a range of goods, services and policies across the world. The IDeA Center at the University at Buffalo has taken these principles and expanded them to focus on social participation and health. Complementing the Principles of Universal Design, ...

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No.3 Adaptable Housing Guide

"The livable and adaptable house" is a chapter in the technical guide, Your Home, published in 2013 by the the Australian Government. If you want use the Adaptable Housing Standard AS4299, and not the more recent Livable Housing Design Guidelines, this guide will be useful. There are many detailed diagrams to help explain design features and floor plans. The chapter was written by Jasmine ...

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No.4 Universal Design: a diversity of explanations

After spending time with Professor Ed Steinfeld, Professor Rob Imrie and Dr Kim Kullman at various events, workshops and meetings in 2015, I've expanded my thinking about explaining universal design. Working with diversity is a key element of universal design thinking. So having diverse ways of explaining it seems appropriate. Wikipedia and universal design websites will have many of the standard ...

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No.5 Down syndrome and building design

People with Down syndrome sometimes experience space in public and home environments in a different way to others. A study of people with Down syndrome carried out in Belgium revealed some very interesting results. For example, the separation of spaces is not always clear if there is no architectural delineation. Participants showed a preference for brightness, large windows, and illuminated objects ...

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No.6 Dementia friendly home design

The Centre for Excellence in Universal Design in Ireland has a comprehensive set of guidelines for creating dementia friendly dwellings, both new and existing. They have also published the extensive research that underpins the guidelines. Although the resource has a focus on conditions in Ireland, there is good information for everyone. It includes useful examples and design checklists. The key ...

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No.7 Wayfinding Design Guidelines

Wayfinding requires designers to organise and communicate the relationships of space in the environment. Basically, it is the naming and marking of places, identifying destinations, and providing directional information. The Cooperative Research Centre for Construction Innovation produced a comprehensive, if somewhat technical, set of guidelines for wayfinding. The guide covers basic principles, and very detailed design solutions and strategies, covering topics ...

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No.8 Designing for autism

Well designed buildings support people with physical impairment, but what about people with other sensory issues or cognitive impairment? Shelly Dival argues that we can do more in the built environment to support people on the autism spectrum in educational, work, and home environments. As a Churchill Fellow, Shelly travelled around the globe in 2018 to gather international knowledge and raise ...

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No.9 Introduction to Universal Design e-learning

Why not try out CUDA's free short online course? I know that many subscribers feel they already know a lot about universal design, and this is true. It is also true that this is very basic as the first two modules show. But there is a little more to it as you progress. Although it aimed at those who are fairly ...

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No.10 Membership Page

CUDA members support the cause for social and economic inclusion for everyone. Individual membership is \$33.00 (inc GST). Corporate membership is \$220.00 (inc GST). Individual lifetime membership is \$110.00 (inc GST) and that means you don't have to worry about organising membership renewals. Members get reduced rego for CUDA conferences...

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Conferences and calls for papers

4th Australian Universal Design Conference Early announcement of Keynote speakers:

James Thurston from G3ict, the Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs, will talk about smart cities for all. Philip Taylor will share his passion about older people and workforce issues. The conference will be held 12-13 May 2020 at Melbourne Showground's brand new Victoria Pavilion. The theme is Thriving with Universal ...

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