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Does universal design cost more in buildings?

Supporters of universal design have long argued that it costs little, if any more, to make buildings inclusive and accessible. However, myths about cost remain and are perpetuated across the construction industry. A feasibility study by HCMA Architecture + Design for the Rick Hansen Foundation in Canada makes another attempt at the argument. In their report, they compare the Foundation's ...

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Inclusive Towns: business, tourism and employment

The Inclusive Towns project is about increasing the participation and inclusion of people with disability. It presents the arguments heard before about missing out on potential business by ignoring this group and their fellow travellers. What makes this project different is help with employment of people with disability. The project produced a website with four key guides: Become an inclusive ...

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Accessible and smart cities

Medieval cities with cobblestones, castles and Roman city walls are not the most disability-friendly places. And they are not easy to make accessible either. However, heritage hasn't prevented smaller cities from overcoming barriers. Five cities in Europe have made accessibility a top priority thanks to technology, design and engineering. Five examples discussed in a Vontobel article are: the Dutch towns ...

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Autism and cultural diversity

People with autism are speaking out, and we are learning more about neurodiversity through practice and research. Consequently, it's time to look at who is doing the practice and research. Is the family's cultural background taken into account? If so, do researchers and practitioners know how to adapt? A journal article from the UK sheds a little light on the ...

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Digital infrastructure accessibility and content accessibility are not the same things. Infrastructure covers things like elements that show up on every page and anything related to navigation. Content is anything that can be updated and uploaded. So that's text, documents, articles, photos and videos. A key point in an informative article from Sheri Byrne-Haber is: Every single time the content ...

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Designing inclusive surveys

We all know that no matter how objective we try to be, biases exist. Researchers try to avoid them when they design surveys. But it isn't easy as bias is by nature invisible to the owner. So a bit of help is handy. Using a screening survey to hire people can disadvantage people from diverse backgrounds for several reasons. Most ...

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Going outside for inclusion: An education perspective

The current theory and practice of outdoor environmental education is failing to include the voices of marginalised people and communities. So writes Karen Warren and Mary Breunig. In a thoughtful paper they argue that the historical background of white privileged males in

this field still underpins current thinking. The arguments and thinking in this paper could be applied in other ...

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Learning Styles: Is it a myth?

The idea of learning styles is something many of us have encountered. But is there evidence to support the application of learning styles? Perhaps in the past it was helpful, but looking forward and using the principles of universal design in learning (UDL), perhaps not. Whether you are doing a webinar, an e-learning program or a scientific seminar it's worth ...

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