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### Universal Design the Singapore way

The Singapore Government is committed to universal design throughout its building code. The Building and Construction Authority has produced a Universal Design Guide for Public Places which was developed under Singapore's Successful Ageing project. You can download each chapter separately from the website: Introduction to user needs Arriving at the building Access around and within the building Sanitary facilities Wayfinding ...

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### Designing cities with AI: Should we?

Photographing street maintenance issues is not new, but taking photos of streets and rating them as good or bad is a relatively new idea. Now it can be done through artificial intelligence (AI). Facelift is a new AI system that allows urban planners to redesign the look of city streets. But where is Google Street View in all this? A ...

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### Liveable, accessible, sustainable and biophilic: which to choose?

The main aspects of sustainability - social, economic, cultural and environmental - are all opportunities for designers. But what to consider and how to design? An article focusing on ageing populations looks at design for all, universal design, inclusive design, human centred design, and biophilic design. The authors conclude that universal design and biophilic design create the best outcomes. The ...

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## Creating videos for learning

Many teachers and instructors are making their own videos for their learners. With today's technology it's becoming easier. But how to make the videos universally designed for online learning? A paper from Ireland gives really practical advice from preparing videos to editing for universal design. It lists step by step activities for planning and preparation, script writing, filming and a ...

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## Strategic intelligence and inclusive design

The World Economic Forum has a website on Strategic Intelligence that includes a section on inclusive design. While unnecessarily describing a dividing line between inclusive and universal design, the website does join the dots between different lines of work: technology, education, urban areas, human dignity, sustainable communities, and accessibility. Within these topics are further topics such as climate change and ...

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## Universal design and gardens

Community and botanical gardens are a place of relaxation and enjoyment. They provide an opportunity to experience nature. There are many physical and mental health benefits to experience nature. Applying universal design principles in the planning a design process allows many more people to enjoy the benefits of a public garden. The American Society of Landscape Architects lists some important ...

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## Technology, transportation and inclusion

In the UK one fifth of all car journeys are taken by people with disability, and one third of those are taken as a passenger. So, Connected and autonomous vehicles provide a great

opportunity to create independent travel. While they are a good example of what can work well in theory, there are many pitfalls in making them fully accessible. ...

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## Homes need to be fit for purpose

A promotional video asks the question "Why wouldn't you?". It is aimed at the buyers of brand new homes. It extols the virtues of universal design. However, I would ask the designers and builders the same question: Why wouldn't you just include it? It doesn't look any different from anything else you would build. Not unless you actually notice the ...

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## Conferences and Calls for Papers

**YES!** The **4th Australian Universal Design Conference** is going ahead. We are "open for business". This decision was made at the last committee meeting. Book your place now and get the earlybird discount. Great lineup of [speakers](#).

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# Introduction to Universal Design

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