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Universal Design and the Circular Economy

Concerns for climate change and waste production are driving the concept of a "circular economy". This requires designers to think and create in different ways. But will these new ways also be inclusive, accessible and universally designed? Chances are the answer is "yes". That's because a circular economy requires designers to engage with stakeholders in the design process. Including universal ...

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UD in home design: a turning point

Australia is at a turning point for introducing universal design (UD) features into all new housing. For almost twenty years advocacy groups have campaigned for homes to be accessible for everyone. That means current and future occupants as well as visitors. And you can add furniture deliveries and paramedics. Human rights, good economic sense and principles of inclusion are all ...

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Co-design is another skill set

How can we get design educators and students to think beyond themselves? Considering other body shapes, sizes, ages and interests is essential for inclusive designs. But designing with users, or co-design, is another skill set. Fake personas, building codes and anthropometric data are a good start, but they lack the evidence of lived experience. Without inclusive designs, we cannot meet ...

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Home with wrap-around ramp: Will it work?

A couple in their 50s told their architects they wanted a home for four generations. The home needed to accommodate themselves, their daughter and her husband and child, and three older relatives. Focusing on the older generation, the architects made a major feature of a ramp that wraps around the house from the ground to first floor. Other floors are ...

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Make flying less miserable

What brings repeat business to an airline? Improving snack selection, smiling staff, warm welcome messages on video screens? None of these. Anyone who has travelled by air, even those who do it regularly, will know that the aircraft itself is rarely the issue. The issue is anxiety. And you can double that for anyone with a cognitive or physical condition ...

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Designers need help to prioritise

Designing inclusively means to do the best you can to include everyone. But conflicts arise when a design feature suits one group and not another. So how do designers decide what is best? This is where designers need help to prioritise features that provide the most social good. And where else to look but to user groups, older people and ...

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Nike meets Universal Design

Nike meets universal design again. They've improved their original Flyease design with a new shoe concept. They've found a totally different way of making the shoe easy to get on and off. So anyone experiencing trouble bending over, difficulty with fastenings, or just needing a speedy on and off will find this design excellent. When they are past their best ...

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Better Human Environments: A free course

"Universal and inclusive design for better human environments" (UniDesign) is a free multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary international educational program on the topics of universal and inclusive design. It includes lecturers and mentors from Australia (Janice Rieger), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Poland and Norway. UniDesign deals with the topics of design, difficulty with mobility or perception, and related topics on quality ...

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From Lizzie's UDL File:

Strategies to Support Students to Connect and Comprehend New Concepts

A colleague completed her PhD in the field of dyslexia. Thanks to her expertise - her knowledge, skills and experience in this field- her ability to synthesise new information about reading difficulties, to make meaning, is masterful. Through identifying key features in information, she refines what is important. This facilitates efficient comprehension of the information, supporting her to embed relevant ...

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Conferences and calls for papers

4th Australian Universal Design Conference We are looking forward to hosting the postponed 4th conference in Melbourne 17-18 May 2021. We hope you can join us. New to the list International Conference on Transport and Health, virtual event, 14-20 June 2021. Call for abstracts closes 28 February 2021. Key categories are: Transport and health behaviour; Innovative technologies; Transport and health ...

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