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School and apartment block merge

Most schools have a lot of open space which is generally reserved for students. But these spaces are left empty a lot of the time. By merging a school with an apartment block, some spaces can be shared. This is part of the motivation behind an experimental building in Hackney, London. This is an example of reducing the segregation of ...

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Access doesn't guarantee social participation

It's not what you've got, it's what you do with it. So, it's all very well being able to physically access the built environment, but access doesn't guarantee social participation. Just considering how the shapes, sizes and ages of different bodies physically interact with the built environment is not enough. If universal design is about increasing access as well as ...

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Universal Design Policy: Where to start?

The real value of taking a universal design approach is the way it draws everything together. But usually different parts of an organisation have different inclusion policies. These are often treated as an add-on for a special "inclusion department". But inclusion is everyone's business. That means one policy across the board. So, where to start when trying to bring a

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Customers talk: Tourist businesses listen?

Word of mouth is a powerful marketing tool. So what customers talk about when they share their tourist activities is important information. But what do they talk about and how can destination businesses listen to this information? A study published in Current Issues in Tourism looks at customer to customer (C2C) co-creation of inclusive tourism. The study was carried out ...

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Gadgets, appliances and devices: not so accessible

It's easier to go with what you know. Learning how to use new gadgets, appliances and devices takes extra time especially if unfamiliar with new tech. In some cases the designers of these products assume users have prior knowledge. An article on the Choice magazine website covers the issues from the perspective of older users. Current younger generations will no ...

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Captioning live theatre brings culture change

If designs are not "born" accessible then it becomes a process of finding "work-arounds". It can be seen in tacked-on ramps or clumsy platform lifts in buildings. Revolving doors mean another separate door for wheelchair and pram users. Special captioning apps or screenings in cinemas, and "special accommodations" at work and at school. It takes a change of culture to ...

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Defying the stereotypes

Personal stories are a good way of engaging with an issue. When it comes to disability there are many stories such as the one in the Washington Post. It tells the story of a woman who was born with cerebral palsy in 1940 and her life defying the stereotypes. This is at a time when people with disability were hidden ...

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Universal Design in Housing: A 20 year campaign

Advocates for universal design features in all new homes are nervous. State and territory building ministers will be making a decision on whether to make access features mandatory. Industry is advocating for no change to the building code. Some states claim they are already addressing the problem of accessible housing through piecemeal planning policies. Others think it's something the NDIS ...

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From Lizzie's UDL File:

From Love to Criminal Profiling

What do criminal profiling, the 'getting-to-know-you stage of a relationship, the job application work history and reference check process, and school learning all have in common? The need for background information. Whether it's the earlier stages of a flourishing relationship, reference and employment checks when applying for a new job or profiling people in an attempt to prevent crime, background ...

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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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