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UD2021 Conference Special Edition

This special edition has snippets of key points from some of the great presentations last week at the 4th Australian Universal Design Conference.

Ageism, Attitudes and Stereotypes

Do we deploy so-called positive stereotypes of older people as a means to combat ageism and ageist attitudes? If we say older people make more loyal employees and are more reliable, what does that say about younger people? And anyway, are these stereotypes valid? Philip Taylor discussed these important issues about ageism and work on the second day of the UD2021 ...

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Accessibility with help from Standards

Who wants to refer to the instruction manual if they can avoid it? Similarly, standards documents tend to get overlooked unless it's mandatory to comply. But there is one standards document that is worth looking at. It can help us progress accessibility and universal design. On day two of UD2021 Conference, Emily Steel explained how the international accessibility standard works. ...

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Public Toilets and social and economic participation

Public toilets are not dinner party conversation, but they are essential to our wellbeing. They are costly to build and maintain yet we need more of them. They also need to be fit for purpose. The Changing Places toilet campaign is a case in point. There wouldn't be many people passionate about public toilets, but Katherine Webber had plenty to ...

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Interoception: A universal design approach

Interoception is an internal sensory system where you notice physical and emotional cues. Most people develop this system and gain awareness of their internal cues they grow up. But not everyone does. Dr Emma Goodall's workshop enlightened us on this topic and linked it to universal design in learning (UDL). Emma explained how poor awareness or misinterpretation of our internal ...

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What is Easy English and who needs it?

Easy English is a good example of how less is more. But conveying messages in fewer words is more difficult than writing more words. Cathy Basterfield's presentation at the UD2021 Conference gave an overview of Easy English, who needs it and why. If I were to write this post in Easy English, I would be using short sentences and everyday ...

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Universal Design and Local Government

Adam Johnson used Bunbury in Western Australia as a case study for his presentation at the UD2021 Australian Universal Design Conference. Bunbury set itself an aim, and a challenge, to be the "Most Accessible Regional City in Australia". Adam explained how he used participatory action research (PAR) methods to meet Bunbury's challenge. The best way to do this is by involving ...

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[UD2021: Australian Universal Design Conference presentation slides](#)

Most presenters gave permission to post their PowerPoint slides on this website. [The list](#) shows the wonderful diversity of topics and speaker backgrounds. It was great to see people from Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales in spite of COVID travel concerns. Some presenters wrote full papers or extended abstracts which are hosted on the [Griffith University website](#). Looking forward to UD2023 already!

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This course will help you get your head around the complexities and see how universal design can make things simple. For policy makers, urban planners, housing professionals and home builders. [Find out more!](#) Takes less than an hour to do.

[Introduction to Universal Design](#)

You can do this one on your phone! Certificate at the end. covers principles, goals, stereotyping and diversity. A good overview for anyone. Takes less than an hour.

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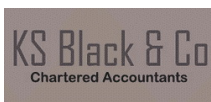
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