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UD2021 Conference Special Edition #2

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

5 Pillars of Inclusive Smart Cities

A smart city uses communication technology to enhance liveability, workability, and sustainability. While the tech gets smarter it's not getting more accessible. The most significant barriers to inclusion are lack of leadership, policy, and awareness, and limited solutions. This was part of James Thurston's keynote, the 5 Pillars of Inclusive Smart Cities. James Thurston is G3ict's Vice President for Global ...

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Speaking fluent universal design

Stefano Scalzo was speaking fluent universal design at the UD2021 Conference. In his keynote address he showcased what the Victorian Government is doing to progress universal design in state projects. Stefano gave practical examples of how UD has been applied in real life, to real buildings for real people. Stefano Scalzo is the Executive General Manager, Planning and Development with ...

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Inclusive Towns Project

The Inclusive Towns Project was a collaborative affair between Bendigo City and Loddon Shire Councils. It focused on local businesses to show how being inclusive makes economic sense. The aim was to show that improving the accessibility increased their customer base. Nikki Williams' presentation at UD2021 Conference had some interesting statistics. One third of complaints to the Victorian Human Rights ...

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Visual contrast: How well do we measure it?

Visual contrast, or luminance contrast, is a key feature of universal design, but how well can we measure it? It's a mainstream issue and something designers need to consider from the outset. It's one thing to know the importance of visual contrast, but knowing how to measure it is another. Penny Galbraith explained the issues in her presentation at UD2021 ...

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Local Government and Accessible Housing

Local government rarely gets pro-active about accessible housing or Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). But the City of Whittlesea bucked the trend. This local government area is one of the fastest growing communities in Victoria. It also has a significant population of residents with a disability, most of whom are ineligible for SDA housing. Consequently, action was needed for mainstream accessible ...

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The potential of accessible tourism in Australia

There's a lot of potential for accessible tourism in Australia, but it's not being used. The business case has been researched over many years and in different countries. However, the data are not convincing many tourism operators to re-think their business model. Nicole Healy's presentation at UD2021 Conference covered the facts and

figures. Tourism Research Australia commissioned a research project ...

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Including mobility scooters in planning

Powered mobility devices, such as mobility scooters, are forms of transportation, but are they considered in city planning? Little is known about these devices and their users so the likely answer is, no. Climate change is another issue. Transportation systems are turning to renewable power and there is a risk these devices will be left out due to a lack ...

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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 join Victorians despite COVID travel concerns. Some presenters wrote full papers or extended abstracts which are hosted on the [Griffith University website](#). Looking forward to UD2023 already! All documents are in PDF format. *Update: Some late additions to the list of presentation slides have been added this week.*

Conferences and calls for papers

New to the list: SEQ Data Leadership Summit, 2 June 2021, Brisbane. Summit will gather leading policy makers and practitioners in data leadership, urban growth and city management . Arts Activated: National Arts & Disability Conference. Event will be mostly virtual with some live components over 9, 16, and 23 August. Other conferences and events: Let's be Clear: Easy English ...

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[Home Coming? Framing Housing Policy for the Future](#)

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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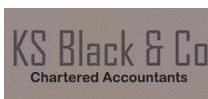
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