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Multigenerational planning and universal design

There is much talk about population ageing but not much 'doing'. Urban design is still stuck in age segmentation mode - separate places for children and older people. For example, playgrounds for children and senior citizen centres and 'homes' for older people. What we need is more multigenerational planning using universal design principles. Playgrounds with exercise equipment for "seniors" is ...

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Importance of accessible software

Few would argue the moral imperatives for web accessibility but actually doing it is another matter. And it's not just about the warm fuzzies of inclusion - it's good for business. Quintin Balsdon and Brian Best explain why software developers still don't 'get' accessibility. They even go so far as to say some software developers aren't even sure what it means. ...

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Design toolkit for social inclusion

Social inclusion is a complex topic mainly because it's not something you can make and touch. It requires a new way of approaching design that avoids bias, stereotypes, and established methods. Emilio Rossi has developed a card-based toolkit to generate creative inclusive design concepts. It's titled Inclusive Signs and is based on a visual card system. One set has a ...

Roadblocks to inclusive streets

Streets are essential to mobility and that means pedestrians, not just motor vehicles. Dangerous intersections, pedestrian crossings, steep kerb ramps and those utility vaults make wheeling a nightmare. Steve Wright says that universal design is what we should be aiming for. That's because there are a hundred ways a street can deny mobility to a wheelchair user. And if they ...

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Do's and Don'ts of Downsizing

COTA NSW ran a webinar on the Do's and Don'ts of Downsizing. The first speaker talked about downsizing 'stuff' and getting organised whether moving or not. The second speaker (23 minute mark) gives sound advice about choosing a new home or adapting an existing home. The third speaker (36 minute mark) tells her experience of moving house and provides first hand ...

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Tourism and Disability: Book review

Tourism and Disability is a new book addressing the existing challenges and opportunities related to tourism for people with disability. The Booktopia review describes this as an underdeveloped and underestimated niche market. While there is a larger market for family group travel, there is also a market for disability-specific tourism products. The book examines the strategies, policies, and initiatives at ...

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Conferences and calls for papers

This page has the latest information on upcoming conferences and calls for papers. New to the list are: Conference on Digital Inclusion and Assistive Technology; National Sports and Physical Activity Convention, and Cambridge Workshop on Universal Access and Assistive Technology.

From the Archives

The CUDA website has accumulated more than 1200 posts on a wide range of topics. So it's good to re-share some of the best and most viewed. Special editions and the last six newsletters are in the [newsletter archive](#).

Human-centred design playbook

Human-centred design is an approach to problem-solving that puts people at the heart of the process. It's about empathy with users. This style of approach has the potential to generate more varied ideas for design solutions. It's more than community engagement - it's an collaborative and iterative design process. Collaboration and iteration are at the core of a universal design ...

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Universal Design in Housing: Builders are doing it

Builders are beginning to incorporate some basic universal design features in new home designs. An audit of 10 of the largest home builders in Australia revealed some interesting results. But it is still a hit and miss affair - the features are not consistently applied. So builders are doing it - just some of it and so it is not ...

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