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Books for everyone with universal design

Reading is a skill that some people find difficult or onerous, so they miss out on reading for pleasure. But making books more accessible is more than just applying Easy Language. It also requires thoughtful layout, font and use of images. The Books for Everyone Framework describes the book making process from writing to publication. Matching readers to the "right ...

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Building design: knowledge and attitude are key

As universal design followers know, building and construction standards do not ensure accessibility, let alone inclusion. Well-informed architectural design practitioners understand the benefits. So what is holding back the others? Lack of knowledge or attitude - or both? Matteo Zallio's research in the UK throws some light on this issue. He found that poorly informed stakeholders think that: 'Inclusive design' ...

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Including people with intellectual disability in co-design

People with intellectual disability are rarely considered when it comes to design. Whether it's built or digital environments, services or products, this group is often overlooked. However, with co-design methods, people with intellectual disability could and should be included. But, this is still a new idea and there is very little literature or case studies on working with this group. ...

Student insights into teaching methods

Much has been written about Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and the benefits for a broad range of students. The concept is based on teaching methods that allow for different ways of learning. Some students are visual, some like discussion, some like an enthusiastic lecturer and written material. But rarely do we get student insights into teaching methods. Using video ...

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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:

[AITPM National Conference 2022: Reshaping Mobility](#), 21-22 July, Sydney. Key themes are climate, communities and inclusivity.

[SMARTTIES 2022 14th International Workshop on Smart Cities, Theory and Practice](#). Hybrid format 9-11 November 2022, Lisbon Portugal. [Call for papers closes 31 May](#). Topics: Smart city management, Infrastructure and technologies, Security, Ethics, Inclusion, and more.

[11th Cambridge Workshop on Universal Access and Assistive Technology \(CWUAAT\)](#), 27-29 March 2023, Cambridge, UK. Theme "Design for sustainable inclusion" in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals. Call for long, short and poster abstracts [closes 9 September 2022](#).

[Smart City Experience](#), 9, 16, 23, 30 June 2022. Virtual and in person (Canada). Creating cities that are innovative, human, connected and proactive. "A smart city is not smart if it does not include everyone". Note: this is not a good example of a smart website.

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Safe and inclusive neighbourhoods

Neighbourhood design has a role for both road safety and social inclusion. Pedestrian death rates are rising. What's the cause? Is it smartphones or road design and drivers? Or is it both? Australian figures show the older generation is a big part of the fatality toll. But they are not likely to be looking at smartphones as they walk. So road ...

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Architects and empathy: the key to inclusive design

Loughborough University has a good track record for inclusive design research. The latest article reports on a study to find out if "empathetic modelling" could influence architects' design thinking. Impaired vision and manual dexterity are the most common losses as people age. So these factors were used in the study to improve architects' empathy and understanding of users. The method ...

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The kerbside and mobility

The idea of smart cities, driverless cars, and artificial intelligence is propelling us into the unknown. But there are some things we can predict. Everyday things will be seen in a new light. The kerbside for example. Other than kerb ramps most of us don't think about the kerbside and mobility. But somebody else has. The Future of Place webpage ...

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