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Modern homes for Queensland

The Queensland Government is leading the way with their new Modern Homes Standard. Queensland will begin rolling out mainstream universally designed eco-friendly homes based on the new standards in the National Construction Code (NCC) from October 2023. While the energy efficiency requirements might cost more, the universal design features will cost little, if any, more. The universal design features are ...

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Benefits and costs of footpaths

Footpaths are an essential part of any travel chain - walking and wheeling are the most basic and universal form of travel. But do we invest enough in footpaths? Compared to investment in roads and cars, probably not. That's according to an article by Todd Litman. His recent study examines the benefits and costs of footpaths as a sustainable form ...

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Luminance contrast: a slippery concept

The Technical Insights section of the Autumn 2023 edition of Access Insights is about luminance contrast. This is a hot topic of discussion because it is a slippery concept. What is it and how do you measure it are the starter questions, followed by why do we need it. This image, courtesy the Egress Group, shows discrete silver tactiles against ...

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Eco-inclusive house

If you live in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, air pollution and staying warm in winter are major considerations for home design. The other major consideration is how to make homes accessible using inclusive design principles. Oidov Vaanchig has done just that and written a short article explaining his eco-inclusive house. Oidov writes detail about the cost of construction and the carbon ...

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Accessible tourism organisations

Should we call it 'inclusive tourism' or 'accessible tourism?' Well that depends. If it is a destination or activity specifically designed for people with disability then it's accessible. If it is a mainstream service AND it is fully accessible for everyone then it's inclusive. There is a place for both. However, inclusive in this context is not to be confused ...

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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. ...

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Conferences and calls for papers

This page has the latest information on upcoming conferences and calls for papers. Email udaustralia@gmail.com with a link to your event and it will be added to the list. New to the list: ICT4AWE 2024 (10th International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies for Ageing Well and e-Health. 28-30 April, Angers, France. Call for papers closes 13 December 2023. Three ...

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Generic Universal Design Position Statement

CUDA has devised a generic document to help organisations develop their own universal design policy or statement. The CUDA Universal Design Position Statement covers all the basics in a straightforward way. At the end of the document, organisations can insert links to their own policy documents that relate to the position statement. There's a one page plain language version too.

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