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Working from home: co-designing a housing toolkit

Working from home is one way people make a living in developing countries, but are their homes designed for this? One way to get a more suitable design is to involve the occupants in the design process. Researchers from the UK and Thailand used a co-design method to devise a housing and livelihood toolkit. The research explored the connection between ...

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Robotics, ethics and inclusive design

This post features abstracts from a conference panel session about robotics and ethics, and inclusive design. There's more awareness of the need for diversity and representation in the development of ethical robots. The decision-making processes that go into these robots must be inclusive and considerate of the diverse communities that will interact with them. The discussion papers focus on two ...

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Autism: What we have heard

The Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre has responded to the NDIS Review Committee's interim report, What we have heard. In responding they draw on evidence from their research and from autistic people. The report has 29 recommendations that go beyond the NDIS review to all sections of society. The focus is on children - one in ten Australian children are ...

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Update to the WCAG

For anyone in a role that takes in diversity, equity and inclusion it helps to know if your company or organisation's website is meeting accessibility standards. The long-awaited update to the WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) has finally arrived. But as with all standards they focus on minimum requirements. Novices to web accessibility might like to have a look at ...

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Urban Design Toolkit

The Urban Design Toolkit is a practical manual explaining the what, the how and when of urban design processes. This New Zealand publication supports the implementation of their Urban Design Protocol. Each section is written in the same straightforward format with the same subheadings: What it is; What it's useful for; How it's done; followed by References. Some sections give examples ...

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Doing plain language is a process

Accessibility and universal design have arrived in written language. People who can read and write well, think that everyone else has that capability. But writing a document or webpage in plain language takes a lot of thought. Doing plain language is a process. This point is well made in a blog article. Kelsie Acton writes about her plain language experiences ...

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Our Streets: Dangerous by Design

The latest Dangerous by Design report from Smart Growth America has some interesting statistics about road deaths. This 2022 report differs from previous reports because it captures the behaviours of people during a pandemic. People walked more and drove less, but there were more road deaths. The report examines why. "Seeing driving go down while deaths went up should call ...

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New! [Livable Housing Design course](#)

This short course is tailor-made for qualified designers, architects, builders, certifiers, and building surveyors, seeking an understanding of the Australian National Construction Code (NCC) requirements for Livable Housing Design. This course delves into the intricacies of the NCC requirements, with a specific focus on the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) Standard for Livable Housing Design. It also covers the enhanced standard.

Special introductory price until 10 November is \$50.00. Use the code **INTRO** when registering.

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Conferences and calls for papers

This page has the latest information on upcoming conferences and calls for papers. Email udaaustralia@gmail.com with a link to your event and it will be added to the list. New to the list: IEA2024 Congress (International Ergonomics Association), August 25-29, 2024 Republic of Korea. Call for papers: Submission Round 2: 1 November 2023 - 29 February 2024. Special sessions will ...

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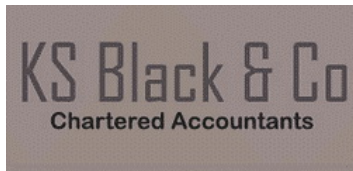
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Generic Universal Design Position Statement

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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