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Universally designed dream home

This is not your average home. This one goes beyond even enhanced features in the Livable Housing Design Standard. However, it shows what is possible with creative design thinking. The good news is that the key features will be embedded in all new homes under the new Livable Housing Design Standard. The video below is from O'Shea and Sons Builders ...

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Engaging people with intellectual disability in research

People with intellectual disability continue to be excluded from research practices. This is often due to social and economic factors such as limited education opportunities and access to services. When you add systemic bias to the list it's easy to see how the exclusion is perpetuated. People with intellectual disability are often viewed as "vulnerable" in ethics approval processes. This ...

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Universal design for inclusion

Professor Ilaria Garofolo writes an interesting essay on the role of universal design and inclusion. Garofolo claims technical handbooks based on regulations related to accessibility have reduced built environmental barriers but they haven't resulted in inclusiveness. The outdated focus on compliance remains an underpinning feature of design culture. "Taking into consideration the needs and preferences of persons should be the ...

Brisbane 2032: Legacy Strategy

Large scale events such as the Olympic and Paralympic Games are contentious because of the cost of preparation. However, with careful planning, these events can leave a legacy of lasting benefits for communities. That's the aim of the Brisbane 2032 Legacy Strategy. Vision: "By 2042, we will live in an inclusive, sustainable and connected society, with more opportunities in life ...

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Upgrading Existing Buildings handbook

The regulatory framework for the built environment is moving away from reliance on regulation. Instead, the Australian Building Codes Board is developing handbooks for performance solutions. The Upgrading Existing Buildings handbook is one such publication. It relates to all buildings other than private housing. The handbook is only a guide, leaving potential for other ways of getting the same outcome. ...

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Dementia and Planning

Most people living with dementia live at home in the community, not in a facility. Dementia develops over time and people experience it differently. With the right supports they can live independently for several years after diagnosis. Thoughtful urban planning and design is part of the web of community supports. Samantha Biglieri discuses dementia and planning in her short article. ...

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Livable Housing Design course **BLKFRI** offer

This short course is tailor-made for professionals in the housing and home mods sectors seeking an understanding of the NCC requirements for Livable Housing Design Standard. Newsletter subscribers use the **BLKFRI20** code to get \$20 off. Be quick offer ends 4 December.

This course delves into the technical details of the new standard and the enhanced standard. CUDA presents this course under licence from the Australian Building Codes Board.

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: 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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Introduction to Universal Design: free online course

Introduction to Universal Design online course is in visual, audio and text formats and there are quick quizzes at the end of each module. This course is good for newcomers to the concepts and a refresher for others. There's a certificate at the end.

Get started on the Introduction to Universal Design course! It will take less than an hour. And let us know what you think.

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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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