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Digitisation of public transport

There is an expectation that everyone will be self-reliant and keep up with the latest technology. But what happens to people who don't keep up or can't? Digital technologies have quickly found their way into public transport systems. But the digitisation of public transport can lead to unequal access. We need to broaden the conversation from accessibility to inclusion. It ...

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Who gets heard in research methods?

Many studies use research methods that are not designed to enable everyone to participate. This means only some people get heard and for others, researchers aren't hearing them. Whether it's academic research or a workplace survey researchers could be missing out on valuable information. Cathy Basterfield makes this point on who gets heard in research methods in her short article. ...

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Ageing communities: Policy blind spots

Policy makers have been talking about population ageing, ageing-in-place and age-friendly communities for several years. But has there been any progress? The focus is still on residential care homes and this is the policy blind spot. Most older Australians are living in their own homes. So how do policies support them? And what about renters? Three housing researchers analysed 85 ...

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[Universal design and parks and plazas](#)

Poorly designed spaces limit the number of people who can use them - they might look great, but that is not enough. Everyone should benefit from great civic space. The American Society of Landscape Architects has a great guide to Parks and Plazas. The online guide includes good case studies and easy to follow tips. Here are a few of the ...

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[Danish Design Ladder and universal design](#)

Discussing universal design and inclusive practice helps individuals to understand the concept of inclusion. But it's organisational culture where the change is needed. Everyone has to have the same universal design mindset. The Danish Design Ladder is one way to apply universal design to organisations. Design isn't just for products and websites. Design thinking is also good for designing business strategies ...

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[Building accessibility: explaining why](#)

There are good reasons why revolving doors are not a good idea for a lot of people. But how many designers know this. Unless the building code says don't do it we will continue to see these in new buildings. The New Zealand Government produced a useful guide to support their building code. It covers building accessibility and explains why ...

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[Livable Housing Design course](#)

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. It delves into the technical details of both the new standard and the enhanced standard. The enhanced standard, similar to the Gold level of Livable Housing Design Guidelines, is good for anyone doing home modifications, or thinking about it.

CUDA presents this course under licence from the Australian Building Codes Board.

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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: ATSA Independent Living Expos - Sydney (22-23 May 2024); Brisbane (29-30 May 2024). Call for papers closes 17 January 2024. ATSA Expos are free to attend and ...

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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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