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Universally designed playground has more use

Applying universal design principles to playgrounds means that more people will use them. That's what a study of three playgrounds in the United States found. Two were standard playgrounds meeting ADA standards, and one was universally designed. Result? Not only did the universally designed playground receive higher use, there was also more physical activity overall. There are many types of ...

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Checklists don't make inclusive culture

Whether it's digital technology, the built environment, or a tourist destination, checklists don't make an inclusive culture. When it comes to digital accessibility checklists Sheri Byrne-Haber says, "Just say no". That's because general accessibility checklists do more harm than good in establishing a good accessibility program. It doesn't lead to an inclusive culture. "... requiring accessibility or guilting or punishing ...

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Workplace diversity, design and strategy

How do you measure diversity and inclusion in the workplace if people don't identify as being in a defined or separate category? And why should they? Diverse from what or whom? What is the baseline measure and who is doing the measuring? And is disability or ageing considered part of the diverse workforce population? A research team in Italy had ...

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Using digital technology - skill or talent?

Digital technology is here to stay but not everyone has the talent for it. Gregg Vanderheiden says there is a difference between digital skill and digital talent. Skill is something you can learn, but talent, like a sporting or musical talent is inherent. So this might explain why some people find websites, smartphones and computers difficult to master. Vanderheiden explains ...

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Understanding universal design in architecture

The building sector in Denmark is transitioning towards a universal design approach. But it has not yet found its way into architectural practice. Legislation and access codes remain the dominant features of design. Two researchers sought answers from young professionals who understand universal design in architecture. The aim was to see if the ideas are beginning to embed themselves in ...

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Guides for inclusive and accessible events

The COVID lockdowns are long past and the event and conference industry is off and running. This is a good time for venue owners and event managers to find ways to be more inclusive. And that doesn't mean asking speakers or attendees to nominate their individual requirements. So here are some guides for inclusive and accessible events. The Zero Project ...

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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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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.

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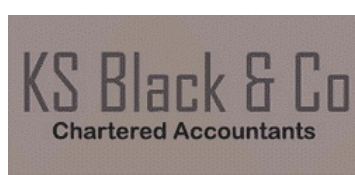
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Generic Universal Design Position Statement

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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