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This 2024 Summer Edition features: Co-design processes

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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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Who do we include in co-design?

Academics talk about "vulnerable groups" based on ethics approval language. But what they mean is, people who have difficulty participating because they have a disability, illness, or some other condition. Indeed, some ethics requirements are so protective of "vulnerable groups" that they are exclude them from research projects. Consequently their voices are silenced. So how do we include them in …

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Inclusive Design Wheel for transport

The University of Cambridge's Inclusive Design Team, have applied their Inclusive Design Wheel to transport. As with many frameworks, it lists a step-by-step process, but with a twist. It is a co-design process. The key principle of the Inclusive Design Wheel is that the process is highly iterative and involves users. The Inclusive Design Wheel for Transport consists of four …

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What does Co-design mean? How does it work?

The term co-design is being used more frequently, but what does co-design mean and how does it work? Well, that depends on the context. It could mean a design group working together. Nothing difficult about that concept. Or it could mean involving end users in the design process. This is where it gets more tricky and more questions arise. At …

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Human-centred design playbook

Human-centred design is an approach to problem-solving that puts people at the heart of the process. It's about empathy with users. This style of approach has the potential to generate more varied ideas for design solutions. It's more than community engagement - it's a collaborative and iterative design process. Collaboration and iteration are at the core of a universal design …

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Maximise inclusion for ageing in place

What does 'ageing in place' actually mean? For some it means staying put in the family home in their later years. For others it means staying in the same community. A co-design method was used to maximise inclusion for ageing in place. Researchers at the University of Manchester developed a 'village' model of support based on those in the US. The …

Co-design with older adults

Finding out what older adults might want and need in their daily living experiences takes more than just asking them, especially if they have a cognitive impairment. A recent study found that using creative methods, such as drawing and creating models, older people can express their needs in a tactile format. This also creates rapport with designers who can then …

QDN's Co-design principles

Co-design is the new buzzword in the field of disability. But co-design isn't only about disability inclusion. It's a design process that seeks the best design for the intended users. Including people from a diversity of backgrounds, ages, levels of capability and experience is good practice. It's how you do universal design. But what is it exactly and how does …

Spatial justice and creative co-design

Inclusive design concepts go beyond codes and standards. This requires new approaches using creative practices according to Janice Rieger's new book. She presents creative co-design methods well beyond standard workshop techniques. For designers in any discipline these techniques shine a light on spatial justice and creative co-design methods. The case studies centre on museums, malls, universities and galleries illustrate co-design …

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