



## CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

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### Anxiety conditions and mobility

Most of the research and about accessible transport focuses on people with physical and sensory disabilities. But people with anxiety conditions experience mobility challenges as well. Consequently, they adapt or restrict their movements to minimise anxiety triggers. Sometimes the trigger can begin before leaving home when information about the trip is lacking or inadequate. Not much is known about the ...

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### Citizen design science as co-design

Co-design strategies vary according to the context and complexity of the project. Co-design processes are not new - academics have carried out participatory action research (PAR) for many years. Often these studies are about solving a social problem. New versions of co-design are emerging as a means of democratising design decisions. Citizen science is a version of co-design that has ...

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### Spaces for all ages: three guides

Population ageing is a global phenomenon and the policy response is to focus on aged care and congregate living. The majority of older adults live in ordinary neighbourhoods, in ordinary homes. This policy blind spot means that anything to do with ageing is seen as a health or care responsibility and not an urban planning one. We need places and ...

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## Social media: hashtags and images

Social media posts rely on hashtags and images so it's important to present them in a way that everyone can access. Access Central has two useful posts about digital accessibility: one about using CamelCase and the other is image descriptions. Of course, making online social media content accessible makes it easier for everyone to use. CamelCase hashtags A hashtag is ...

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## From Vitruvian to the Variable

The ideal pattern and symmetry of the human body underpins Vitruvian ideals for architectural design. Three architects challenge this notion as outdated because it fails to account for human diversity. Their discussion paper takes us from the Vitruvian to the variable body and the role of universal design. "The architectural module has long been associated with the concept of measurement, ...

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## Gender Equity in Design: A guide

What does gender equity have to do with design? Given that design impacts on the way we can navigate the world and participate, quite a bit. Gender equity in design is yet another element of designing inclusively. Rights, responsibilities and opportunities should not depend on gender. Treatment of women, men, trans and gender diverse people are often subject to stereotyping ...

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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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## Introduction to Universal Design - a **free** online course

CUDA's online course, Introduction to Universal Design, is free and available now. Sign up to access the course here. A certificate of completion is available on completion of the final questionnaire! The topics covered are in three modules: Module one is about what universal design covers, who it's for, and different definitions of universal design. Module two discusses diversity and stereotypes, and module three is about applying universal design.

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## Conferences and calls for papers

**Save the date:** 30 May 2024, Brisbane. CUDA's half day symposium: Connecting People and Places with universal design: Queensland leading the way.

**Save the date:** [Australian Assistive Technology Conference 2024](#), 6-8 November, Gold Coast. Theme: Sun, Sea & AT: The rising tide of innovation and inclusive technology. Hosted by ARATA.

**Save the date:** UD2024 will be held in Oslo, Norway, 20-22 November 2024. The title is, "Universal Design: Shaping a Sustainable, Equitable and Resilient Future!"

See post for more conferences and calls for papers.

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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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