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Dubai Universal Design Code

The Dubai Universal Design Code covers everything you need to know about accessibility in the built environment. It's a good example of joining dots between the accessible built environment, accessible transport and wayfinding. This is a very detailed document and appears to be a collation of standards documents from around the globe. This document brings together all the elements of ...

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Evaluating cognitive accessibility

Taking a cognitive perspective to architectural design is something architect Berta Brusilovsky Filer is passionate about. So she has written a book about it, Evaluating Cognitive Accessibility. Her book is open access with the help of La Ciudad Accesible with the hope of reaching more people. Cognitive accessibility is a fundamental aspect in the design of public spaces in the ...

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Accessibility Statements for schools

Accessibility statements are appearing in the tourism sector, so is it time to have accessibility statements for schools and universities? Well, why not ask staff and students? That's just what two educational researchers did in the UK. Teaching materials were checked for accessibility including digital media. Classroom delivered lectures came out best. The pandemic forced improvements for accessible online material. ...

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Radical inclusion for urban transformation

Victor Santiago Pineda reflects on the Burning Man community which recognises that everyone has something valuable to contribute. It challenges the idea that some people are worth more than others. This in turn introduced him to the concept of radical inclusion. Pineda discusses this concept in relation to cities and Amartya Sen's Capability Model. Much of the chapter covers well ...

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Virtual tours and accessible tourism

Virtual tours using 3D photography is being used more frequently by tour companies to sell their experiences. For example, most cruise ships have virtual tours of their staterooms (cabins) so you can see what it looks like before you book. But virtual tours are a necessity for people who need to know exactly what a place looks like before they ...

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Universal design and 40 Principles of TRIZ

A short paper by Kalevi Rantanen shows how to combine the principles of universal design and 40 Principles of TRIZ. It gives another perspective on how to apply the principles of universal design in a problem solving context. TRIZ is the Russian acronym for "Theory of Inventive Problem Solving". The title of the paper is, "Homes for Strong Families, Children, ...

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WCAG for people who haven't read them

WCAG and W3C might be familiar acronyms, but what do they mean? And what, if anything, you should be doing about it? No matter what your role, everyone needs to have a basic understanding. That's because we are living in a digital age. The article, WCAG for people who haven't read them, is a good place to start. WCAG - ...

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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. Newsletter readers can get a \$20 discount. Use the coupon code NWS20 at the checkout.

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

UD2024: International Conference on Universal Design, Oslo, Norway, 20-22 November 2024. The title is, "Universal Design: Shaping a Sustainable, Equitable and Resilient Future!" **Call for papers closes 7 April 2024** for both practical and academic submissions. List of topics is extensive and showcases the breadth of universal design practice.

Save the date: A CUDA Symposium: Connecting People and Places with Universal Design: Queensland leading the way. 30 May 2024, Brisbane.

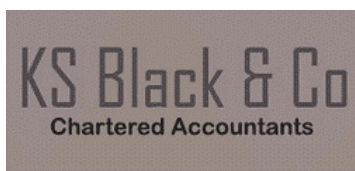
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Generic Universal Design Position Statement

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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