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Walking for everyone guide

Making walking and wheeling more inclusive is the aim of the Walking for Everyone Guide. At 122 pages the online guide sets an ambitious and inclusive agenda for the future of walking across diverse communities. Community-led engagement is important to ensure changes meet the needs of residents. This is how you get local place-based needs met - there is no ...

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What if you could turn your slide notes into automatic subtitles during your presentation? That would be good for everyone. The advantage is that you can write out the presentation and then deliver it perfectly without having to use lots of text on your slides. As you give your talk you click through the subtitles (captions) in the same way ...

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Pedestrian slips, trips and falls

The UK has an ambitious target that 50% of journeys are walked or cycled by 2030. However, for some groups the quality of footpaths is a major deterrent to walking. According to a Living Streets report, 48% of older adults say they would walk more if footpaths were better maintained. Their fear of slips, trips and falls is enough to ...

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Universal design, ethics and the workplace

The problem with trying to apply the classic seven principles of universal design everywhere is that they don't apply universally. This becomes apparent in an article about ethics and the workplace where some of the principles cannot apply. The seven principles are to help people think about inclusion, not use them as a checklist. Equitable Use Flexibility in Use Simple ...

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Architecture and disability experience

Many followers of universal design will have critiqued the entry to Museum M in Leuven, Belgium as dangerous. Unfortunately, a Google image search on "universal design" includes images of this entry as examples of universal design. While this design might be architecturally creative, it is not architecturally inclusive or safe for everyone. The entry steps to Museum M are mistakenly taken as an example of universal design.

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Down syndrome and building design

People with Down syndrome sometimes experience space in public and home environments in a different way to others. A study in Belgium of people with Down syndrome and building design revealed some interesting results. For example, the separation of spaces is not always clear if there is no architectural delineation. Participants showed a preference for brightness, large windows, and illuminated ...

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Smart Cities: Dream or Nightmare?

Are smart cities a good thing? Can we be sure where they are leading us? This promised land with sustainability, connectivity and optimisation, might have a human rights cost. An interesting point from Amnesty International. On the one hand we have a model for inclusive urban growth with jobs and green credentials. On the other, community groups say this as ...

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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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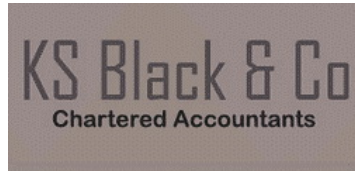
Generic Universal Design Position Statement

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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