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Older people and product design

Industry's ideas about the usability of their products doesn't match those of older people. That's what the Centre for Modern Ageing found in their survey of 1000 older people and product design. Given Australia's ageing population, product designers should focus more on making everyday products more user-friendly. That means taking a universal design approach and using co-design methods. A word ...

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Ableism in health care

You'd think health care workers would know about disability, but apparently, disabilities are not discussed or taught in a health care context. Questions over quality of life, ability to decide and choose are all issues that affect people with disability when interacting with the health profession. An article written by two nurses calls out ableism in health care. Ableism occurs ...

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Architectural Science and User Experience

A book of long abstracts from the International Conference on Architectural Science and User Experience shows how varied this topic is. From Biophilic design and carbon reduction to environments that stimulate play and primary school design. The list includes: active travel, housing, ageing, dementia, disability, digital technology, education and practice, air quality, landscaping, tourism, and more. These short papers are ...

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Pillars of neurodiversity in learning

Claire O'Neill from the University College of Cork uses the UN Sustainable Development Goals to underpin her work on the ENGAGE Programme. SDG Goal 4 is about inclusive and equitable education to promote lifelong learning. She explains how she used it to design the Programme for neurodivergent adult learners. Image from the Engage Programme in the AHEAD journal. The 4 ...

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Health promoting urban design

Four articles in this post on healthy urban environments. The links between urban design and physical and mental health are well established. So how do you take an evidence-based approach to health-promoting urban design and green spaces? Swedish landscape architects wanted to know how to translate existing evidence into design and looked to researchers to help. Researchers and landscape architects collaborated on a project using participatory action research methods. ...

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CUDA's Symposium in Brisbane

Connecting People and Places with Universal Design: Queensland leading the way. Brisbane Conference and Exhibition Centre. The aim of the half day symposium is to develop recommendations for raising the presence and profile of universal design and inclusion in the legacy of the Brisbane 2032 Games. It will focus on housing, transport, and tourism. The half day format will be a speaker panel followed by a workshop. 50 places only. Be guick!

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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!" List of topics is extensive and showcases the breadth of universal design practice.

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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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