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Waterfront Accessible Design Guidelines

More than twenty years ago the various levels of government committed to an upgrade of Toronto's waterfront area. The Waterfront Toronto organisation was formed at that time. Since then parking lots and derelict buildings have given way to distinctively designed neighbourhoods. At the end of 2023 the Waterfront Accessible Design Guidelines were published. "A key part of Toronto's waterfront revitalization ...

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Happier working from home

Being forced to work from home during a pandemic is very different to choosing this mode of work. The pandemic showed us that we could work from home successfully and employees want it to continue. This is the outcome of some recent research shows many people are happier working from home. And for some, working from home is the only ...

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Mapping the inclusive city

Statistics capture many important measurements which are reported as facts, but who chooses what to measure and how it is measured and counted? If the lives of some people are left out of the research questions their facts become invisible. So researchers in the Netherlands took up the issue of inclusive data collection. The project was about mapping the inclusive ...

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Emergency awareness and universal design

Why do some people appear unable to take in what is happening around them in an emergency? Being able to act quickly requires a good sense of the situation. However, not everyone has a sense of emergency awareness. Consequently they find decision-making difficult and fail to act appropriately. A Norwegian study has investigated a universal design approach to mitigate this lack ...

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Are shopping malls ageist?

Older supermarket shoppers need a positive attitude from employees, functional shopping trolleys, and appropriate placement of products on shelves. Retail stores are public space and they should look good and be functional. Therefore a universal design approach can prevent shopping malls from being ageist. Key design elements are: seamless outdoor to indoor access, easy to use shopping trolleys, seeing, finding ...

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Measuring transport accessibility

Transport planners are guided by regulations related to mobility, but accessibility requirements relate to what people can achieve. Accessible transport systems cannot be measured objectively like length or weight but rather by what it enables users to do. So we need a way to merge accessibility measures with infrastructure measures. But how do you measure transport accessibility? Jonathan Levine presents ...

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Livable Housing Design course

This short course is tailor-made for professionals in the housing and home modifications sectors wanting to know how to apply the Livable Housing Design Standard in the NCC. It covers the technical details of the different ways to achieve a level entry, circulation spaces, bathroom details, and more. It also covers the enhanced standard similar to the Gold level of

the Livable Housing Design Guidelines. Good for anyone doing home modifications. Newsletter readers get \$20 off registration using the coupon code **NEWS20** at the checkout.

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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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