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Inclusive urban environments: but when?

The design of the public built environment has long been problematic for a diverse range of people with disability. And while attempts are made with new or upgraded precincts, barriers are still created. While this is often unintentional, once the concrete is down, it is difficult and/or costly to remedy. And so the barriers remain and inclusive urban environments remain ...

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Older people, mobility and cars

The policy push to encourage people to walk and use public transport is one way to reduce emissions and improve health. However, whether to choose the car or public transport, or not to go out at all, depends on many factors. So, do people choose the car because they are constrained from using other forms of transport? Or do they ...

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University for all toolkit

The concept of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) has been around for a long time. UDL is not a special type of teaching method for certain groups. The principles are applicable to teaching and learning across schools, universities and workplace training. A group in Ireland has devised a university-for-all toolkit to show how to do it. The Toolkit is designed ...

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Luminance Contrast: How to measure it?

Visual contrast, or luminance contrast, is a key feature of universal design, but how well can we measure it? It's a mainstream issue and something designers need to consider from the outset. It's one thing to know the importance of visual contrast, but knowing how to measure it is another. For most people, vision is their most dominant sense. ...

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A neurodiverse perspective

Mollie Pittaway gives a neurodiverse perspective on the world in a Medium magazine article. She describes 10 ways autistic people are different to neurotypical people. She makes it clear in the beginning that she doesn't speak for all autistic people. Pittaway just wants to emphasise cultural differences. Understanding these differences are useful in the workplace for managing and interacting with ...

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Social value of good design

It's so much easier to measure outputs than outcomes. Social value is an outcome, but how do you measure it? Well the answer for most is, it's too hard so don't bother. The Fifth Estate features an article about why the building industry should measure the social value of good design. The Women's Property Initiatives in Melbourne provide housing for ...

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Conferences and calls for papers

This page has information on 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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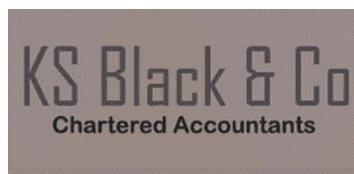
FREE Western Sydney University is hosting a free Research Week Event on Equity and Inclusion: Enabling Independence. 17 July. Join us for a transformative half-day discussion with industry experts, researchers, and stakeholders, exploring innovative approaches to age-friendly housing, community support systems, inclusive employment practices, and technology integration. Collaborate, innovate, and drive change in ageing and disability research. Register now: <https://events.humanitix.com/equity-and-inclusion-enabling-independence>

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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