CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

Design in strategy and strategy in design

How do we solve big problems such as pandemics, climate change, and unemployment? Linear step by step processes are no longer the way to address these complex challenges. Something else is needed. Jan Auernhammer discusses the issues in his latest article, Design in Strategy and Strategy in Design. Auernhammer proposes that complex problems require collaborative processes and capabilities. People with …

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Bus stops: pedestrians and cyclists

We are all encouraged to leave the motor car at home and walk or cycle. However, road and street infrastructure was built at a time when vehicle movements were the focus. That means a lot of retrofitting and work-arounds is needed now. The intersection of bus stops, pedestrians and cyclists is a good example of this vexed issue. Are infrastructure …

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Personal robots: what older people think

Are personal robots the next best thing for companionship for older people - is this what they want? A study carried out in the UK used three types of robot - abstract, pet, and human-like. Publicly available videos of the robots were used in the study. As with all laboratory and simulated studies there is no guarantee that the results …

Brescia Declaration for Universal Design

The Brescia Declaration for Universal Design is a statement of the state of play in universal design and the need to progress the concepts further. It is written in the context of the COVID 19 pandemic which revealed the size of the gaps in equity and inclusion. CUDA has devised a shorter version of the Declaration's call to action using plain language. Organisations can easily adapt this version for their own policy statements.

Inclusive and accessible street guides

Which street guide is the best? Well, that depends on which perspective you are coming from. Urban designers, transport planners, pedestrians and drivers all have a stake in streets. Here are four inclusive and accessible street guides from previous posts for reference. If you plan cities for cars and traffic, you get cars and traffic. If you plan for people …

Post-occupancy evaluation tool

Academics like to approach the issue of exclusion by developing guides, tools, and playbooks. But are evaluation tools useful for promoting inclusive design in the built environment? Perhaps. From the Inclusive Design Team in the UK comes a post-occupancy evaluation tool. That is, a tool to find out if the design actually works. Existing post occupancy tools usually focus on …

Conferences and calls for papers

This page has information on conferences and calls for papers.

Transport 2024 Conference 27-28 June 2024, Melbourne. Joint conference with Engineers Australia, Transport Australia Society, and Women in Transport. Topics include Inclusive Planning and Design, and Future Transport Needs.

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.
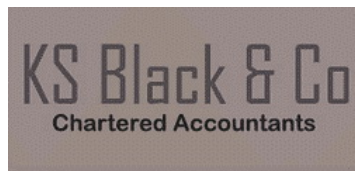
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FREE Western Sydney University is hosting a free Research Week Event on Equity and Inclusion: Enabling Independence. 17 July 2024. A half-day discussion with industry experts exploring innovative approaches to age-friendly housing, community support 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

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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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