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Young people and co-design

The views and experiences of young people are often left on the sidelines. Yet they have most to lose or gain in the way society evolves. So perhaps they should be the ones to craft strategies and approaches for creating the futures they want. Co-design methods are clearly the way to get young people participating in social change processes in ...

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Hostile design: what is it for?

It's one thing to create inaccessible built environments through thoughtlessness. It is another to do it intentionally. Hostile design has emerged as an architectural response to homelessness, specifically rough sleepers. Rough sleepers need a flat surface on which to lie down, but flat surfaces are also a place of rest for other citizens. Put simply, hostile designs are intentionally created ...

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Universal design and workplaces

"The universal design approach aspires to create spaces that are not just accessible or usable, but inclusive for everyone." This is the opening line of a chapter on universal design and workplaces in the Handbook of High-Performance Workplaces. Authors Imogen Howe and Andrew Martel remind us that disability can be temporary or permanent and at any stage of life. Complying ...

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Public transport and dementia

Dementia and neurodiversity are the topic of this post.

It's common for people with dementia to become less confident when using public transport and airports. The noise, the lights, and the crowds are distractions that can cause disorientation. Dementia Singapore found a way to help orientate and guide people through busy stations and interchanges through the "Find Your Way" initiative. Noise, lights, crowds: public transport for people with dementia ...

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Engaging with local communities

Three international items in this post on co-design: Four cities in developing countries, one in Florence, and another in Toronto.

Co-creation and co-design processes are gaining traction in urban regeneration projects across the globe. A study of three different urban regeneration projects show the flexibility and value of this method. Successful implementation of equitable and inclusive public space also depends on a multi-sectorial approach.

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Workplace diversity, design and strategy

How do you measure diversity and inclusion in the workplace if people don't identify as being in a defined or separate category? And why should they? Diverse from what or whom? What is the baseline measure and who is doing the measuring? And is disability or ageing considered part of the diverse workforce population?

Plus an item on school to work transition for young people with disability....

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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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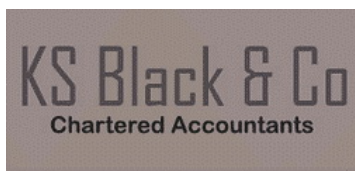
FREE Western Sydney University is hosting a free Research Week Event on Equity and Inclusion: Enabling Independence. 17 July 2024. A half-day discussion with industry experts exploring innovative approaches to age-friendly housing, community support systems, inclusive employment practices, and technology integration. Collaborate, innovate, and drive change in ageing and disability research. Register now: <https://events.humanitix.com/equity-and-inclusion-enabling-independence>

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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