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Games Legacy Symposium recommendations

The benefits of holding the Olympic and Paralympic Games must be long lasting, and this aspect is key to being the winning bid to be the host city. So what kind of legacy can we expect from Brisbane 2032 Games? CUDA held a symposium to discuss the Games Legacy strategy which is titled, Elevate 2042. The vision is to move ...

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Walkability Improvement Tool

Queensland's Walkability Improvement Tool is part of their healthy and active communities strategy. It's about retrofitting neighbourhood enhancements - not an easy task. The key elements are connectivity, block lengths, footpaths, parks or open space, and one street tree every 15 metres. The advice includes identifying the primary audience for the improvement. Examples are given such as schools, shopping precincts ...

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Home designs for living

Designs 4 Living is a magazine by Todd Brickhouse in the US with a focus on home designs for people with disability and older adults. The latest issue covers a wide variety of design solutions. They include home lighting, bathroom and kitchen trends, home workplaces and cognitive and sensory solutions. Lighting the home As we get older our vision degrades ...

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Co-design is not new

Scandinavians have a reputation for good looking and functional design. But there is a gap in the story of an evolving design culture across society. Designers began involving users in their design processes in the 1970s. So co-design is not new and is not a fad, but it is absent from design history. Maria Görandsdotter says there are two probable reasons why it been left out...

Also an item on co-designing public buildings by Valerie Watchorn.

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Design for the autistic community

The Autumn 2023 Access Insight magazine has an article by John Van der Have on designing for autism. He introduces a design guide by Magda Mostafa and her work on design for the autistic community. Van der Have begins his article with an older medical description of autism (ASD) and some statistics. As many people know, sensory overload is common ...

Also an autism friendly design guide and a paper on university lecture theatres and autistic students.

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Inclusive Design Wheel for transport

The University of Cambridge's Inclusive Design Team, have applied their Inclusive Design Wheel to transport. As with many frameworks, it lists a step-by-step process, but with a twist. It is a co-design process. The key principle of the Inclusive Design Wheel is that the process is highly iterative and involves users. The Inclusive Design Wheel for Transport consists of four ...

Also includes digital first and last mile, and universally designed infrastructure planning.

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Housing Adaptations Design Toolkit

The Housing Adaptations Design Toolkit comes from Northern Ireland and is focused on government departments collaborating for good social housing outcomes. The aim is to integrate services to promote independent living. As such it has application to government funded home modification services in Australia and elsewhere. Housing adaptations are a key element in supporting independent living. ...

Also the Specialist Guide for Wheelchair Housing from the UK. Not all wheelchair users need the same features ...

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Conferences and calls for papers

This page has the latest information on upcoming conferences and calls for papers. New to the list: NTRO International Conference, The Transport Revolution: Solutions led by innovation, 7-9 May 2025, Melbourne. Call for abstracts open until 31 August 2024. 6 topics but not much on inclusion. 9th National Brain Injury Conference, 24-26 September 2024, Adelaide. Also 3 pre-conference workshops ...

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FREE EVENT 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>

Model Universal Design Position Statement

CUDA has devised a model 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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