



## CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

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### Architects have a creative responsibility

An article in Architecture and Design magazine makes the point that architects have a creative responsibility to ensure designs are not just accessible but also inclusive and future proofed. In most cases renovating a building to be accessible costs significantly more than making the building accessible from new. Consequently, it makes economic sense to make places and spaces inclusive from ...

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### Neurodiversity and built environments: A guide

A significant number of people find certain aspects of the built environment uncomfortable, distressing or a barrier due to neurological differences. To address this, the British Standards Institute has a guide for designing built environments to include people who are neurodivergent. The whole population is neurodiverse, individuals might be neurotypical or neurodivergent. The guide covers external spaces for public and ...

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### Reporting disability issues in the media

Media Diversity Australia has updated their handbook for reporting on disability issues in the media. The 2024 edition is written for both journalists and marketing professionals. A key point for journalists and marketing professionals is the scarcity of appropriate stock images of people with disability and older people. For example, at Getty Images, the visuals downloaded by Australian businesses and ...

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## Use BIM to ensure accessibility

BIM - Building Information Modelling - is a process to ensure the planning, design and construction of buildings is efficient and collaborative. It's a collegial way of different building professionals sharing their data to create a 3D model of the building. Consequently, with informed decisions, BIM can ensure accessibility of a building at all stages of construction. The purpose of ...

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## Manual for Streets 2

Motor vehicles have dominated road design and road rules for most of the last century. With public policy promoting walking and wheeling this has to change. With this in mind, the UK Government's Manual for Streets 2 gives pedestrians a higher priority on streets and roads. It builds on the original manual published in 2007 with a wider application of ...

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## Cost of universal design in buildings

The cost of implementing universal design in buildings is little, if any, in new buildings. This is not new information for followers of universal design. However, many developers and designers find this difficult to believe. Consequently, this perceived cost becomes a barrier to implementation. New research by Elke Ielegems and Jan Vanrie shines a light on the real costs.

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## Universal design and BIM

Three items in this post on BIM. Universal design concepts in their pure form are about creativity rather than set standards. However, building practitioners want more guidance than "make it inclusive and accessible for all". Two researchers in Canada have attempted to solve this dilemma by connecting universal design and BIM (Building Information Modelling). BIM is a process that uses tools and technologies to form digital representations ...

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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>

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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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