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Doughnut economics and co-design

The problem with economic models is that they count the things you can count and leave out things you can't. And sometimes that's what can happen with co-design methods - doing what you know and not what is possible. A group of researchers adapted the Doughnut Economics model to create the Futures Doughnut tool for co-design for complex settings. Doughnut ...

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Disability inclusion toolkit

From the US comes a disability inclusion toolkit that focuses on the inclusion of people with disability. It also includes people who are neurodiverse. It has resources, best practices and is informed by the perspectives of people living and working with disability. This online resource is for both employers and employees written in an easy to read format including personal ...

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Walking in Sydney

The City of Sydney has updated its strategy and action plan for walking in Sydney. It begins with a note on terminology. Walking covers people using any means to mobilise on a footpath other than a bicycle or an e-scooter. Children can continue to cycle on footpaths. Because street and transport designers have traditionally left out mobility device users, other ...

Universally designed dream home

This is not your average home. This one goes beyond even enhanced features in the Livable Housing Design Standard. However, it shows what is possible with creative design thinking. Depending on where you live, the key features will be embedded in all new homes under the Livable Housing Design Standard. And it's good for renovations too. Contrary to the many myths, introducing universal design features into ...

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1000 Play Streets Toolkit

The play street movement has taken off and councils across Australia are taking an interest. Play streets are run by residents for a few hours at quiet times of day. They can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly, or even one-off events. Regular times bring the best results for creating connection, and it's all explained in the 1000 Play Streets Toolkit. ...

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Specifications for universal design

Universal design is a thinking process that aims for the most inclusive design solutions possible - designing universally. It is a process that improves through iteration. This means that you can't specify a standard, which is for one point in time, because it stops the process of continuous improvement. But we don't live in a perfect world and some people ...

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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 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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