CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

Race & Racism: Myths, Misconceptions

The Human Rights Commission has produced a guide on 5 common Myths and Misconceptions about Racism. Each of these is explained further and are listed as: Misconception that racism is about individual actions and beliefs The myth of meritocracy Misconception of not "seeing" race The myth that "racism is a thing of the past" Misconceptions about anti-racism British colonisation has …

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Co-designing organisational change

Co-designing with users is gaining momentum and being applied in many different situations. Participatory Action Research is familiar to academics and now the concepts are underpinning collaborative methods in different fields of endeavour. Co-designing organisational change is a good way to bring everyone on board. Hospitals are large bureaucratic enterprises comprising staff from varied backgrounds and skill sets. Add in …

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Planning, diversity, inequity, justice

These four words, planning, diversity, inequity and justice all belong in the same sentence. Being excluded from places and spaces means walking, public transport, work, education, and seeing friends are out of reach. But good design can fix it. The way we plan and design for human diversity requires serious rethinking if we genuinely want to address inequity and

injustices …

Plus a literature review comparing the social and medical models in relation to the built environment. Good for understanding the history of accessibility.

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Equal access to sport information

Enthusiasm for sport is often mentioned as a very "Australian thing". Television news, social media and online newspapers rarely go a day without mentioning one sport or another. But is this information provided in ways that everyone can enjoy and understand? And we are not talking about a minority of people. 44% of Australians don't have functional literacy. Sierra Morabito wants to see equal access to sport information - there are people who would like to read …

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Introduction to Universal Design - free online course

CUDA's online course is free and available now. A certificate of completion will be sent once all sections of course are completed including the final questionnaire. It covers different definitions, diversity, stereotypes and about applying universal design.
Sign up here and get started on the free Introduction to Universal Design course. It will take less than an hour.

Conferences and calls for papers

This page has the latest information on upcoming conferences and calls for papers. New to the list: Diversity and Inclusion 2024 Summit, 23 August 2024 in Perth, 15 November 2024 in Melbourne. 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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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.

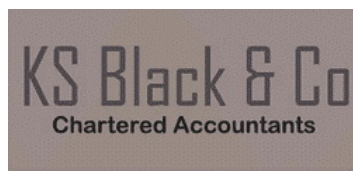Read The Post

Livable Housing Design Course

This short online course is tailor-made for professionals in the housing and home modifications sectors who want to know how to apply the Livable Housing Design Standard in the National Construction Code. It covers the technical details of the different ways to achieve a level entry, circulation spaces, bathroom details, and more. Good for anyone doing home modifications.

Use the coupon code **LHD20** to get a $20 discount at the checkout page.

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