

## CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

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### Walking infrastructure for everyone

Queensland's Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) commissioned a project to map walking infrastructure for people with disability. The aim was to collect information to help planners create footpaths and crossings for everyone. "Walking" includes people using a mobility device such as a cane, frame or wheelchair. The mapping project collected data from wheelchair users using technology to assess ...

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### Dementia and empowering environments

A new open access book is a must for anyone interested in design with and for people with dementia. "Creating Empowering Environments for People with Dementia" is exactly what the book is about. It addresses inclusive design both inside and outside the home, including agricultural settings. The book features the voices and opinions of people living with dementia. The chapters ...

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### Six Feelings Framework for Autism

A sense of belonging is an aspect of universal design not often discussed. However, including people with autism/autistic people in plans and designs, it's a very important element. But what's the best way to include this group in the planning process? An article in the American Planning Association magazine provides some answers based on the Six

Feelings Framework.

Also items on sensory garden preferences, and planning with autistic people.

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## Housing quality improves health

Ever wondered what the long term effects of a home modification are? A longitudinal study shows that household improvements in social housing can reduce risk of hospital stays. The study picked up major improvements in chest and heart health as well as a reduction in falls and burns.

Norway mandated universal design standards in housing in 2010, but does the industry really apply them appropriately?

Plus a report on a systematic review of the relationship between housing and health.

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## Easy Read UNCRPD

We hear people talk about the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), but how many of us have read it? It's a big document and not easy to read. It covers every aspect of life and every person of every age. The CRPD matters to all of us. Eventually disability will touch each of us and our families.

Nice video in this post that explains the UNCRPD really well.

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## Public toilet on every high street

We all have to go sometime and some of us sooner and more quickly than others. The availability of clean public toilets can make or break a shopping trip or social outing. People with bladder problems will restrict their movements to where they know the toilets are. This is not just a social issue, it is an economic one.

Accessible toilets: How are they really used?

New guidelines from Ireland on changing places - they take a universal design approach.

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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: 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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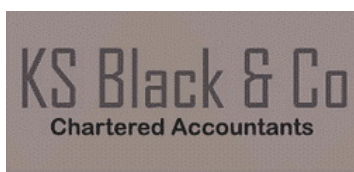
## Model Universal Design Position Statement

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.

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