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## [Ageism, Attitudes and Stereotypes](#)

Are you ageist? Probably. A survey that found one third of British people admit they have discriminated against others because of their age. The SunLife report, Ageist Britain, highlights casual ageism and the impact it has on everyone. But it is ingrained in everyday language. “Old fart”, “little old lady”, “bitter old man” and “old hag” were, researchers found, the most used ageist phrases on social media. Younger people also experience ageism ...

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## [A standard for accessible standards](#)

All standards should ensure they meet the goals of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. So there is a Standard for developing Standards documents to be inclusive, accessible and universally designed. ISO Guide 71 shows how to do this. The international standard has done all the thinking for us. The document guides standards committees as they write and update standards for their specific industry or profession. It is also useful for any committee developing guides or standards for accessibility and universal design...

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## [Universal Design vs Specialised Design](#)

From the Editor: One of our members raised an interesting point with me this week about Changing Places toilets and whether they meet the principles of universal design. This is one of those situations where it isn't easy to distinguish where universal design ends and specialised design begins. The European perspective is that inclusion is a continuum - a chain of inclusive thinking ...

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## [10 Things to know about universal design](#)

The Centre for Excellence in Universal Design in Ireland devised 10 Things to know about Universal Design. But this handy list is missing from their new website. Luckily, someone else has taken the list and updated it. Briefly, the 10 things are: Universal design is committed to improving original design: Universally designed products can high a high aesthetic value: It's more than just a trend...

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## [Usability of small kitchen appliances](#)

Mealtimes are made easier with a range of small kitchen appliances. But can everyone use them? Meal preparation is something most of us do every day. It's not until you can't do it that you realise how much it impacts on wellbeing, independence and quality of life. Researchers worked with General Electric to develop an audit tool for engineers, retailers and individuals as well...

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## [Norway universally designed by 2025 – Update](#)

The Norwegian Government has taken the principles of universal design and applied them across all policies to create maximum inclusion. This makes everyone responsible for inclusion at every level – in the built environment, outdoor areas, transport, and ICT. Here is an update to “Norway Universally Designed by 2025”. The focus was on people with disability, accessible built environments and minimising discrimination. The plan covered all ministries...

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## [Design for participation - inclusion will follow](#)

Designers can relate to the term "inclusive design" more than other terms. This was one of the findings of a Swedish study. Designers had a general sense of "accessibility", but they felt intimidated by the term. They thought it was for extreme cases for a few people and something they could ignore. Designers also thought accessibility was a higher requirement than inclusive design. Perception is everything

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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: Engineering, Innovation and Technology Forum (Transport) 20-22 August 2024 Brisbane, hosted by Queensland Dept of Transport and Main Roads. Diversity and Inclusion 2024 Summit, 23 August 2024 in Perth, 15 November 2024 in Melbourne. Attend one or both days as they will be ...

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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.

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