

## CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

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### The smart city and disability

The smart city concept offers promising solutions using technology to optimise infrastructure and services. However, whether people with disability and others will benefit is unknown. Data insights and assistive technology should offer solutions for inclusive environments, but do they? Researchers in the UK outline the challenges for people with disability and explore the role of smart solutions in urban planning. ...

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### Gender responsive urban planning

Gender equity for women is a fine aim, but it's not just about social attitudes or equal pay. Urban environments have a role to play when it comes to workforce participation. According to researchers in the UK, the way we design urban spaces is yet to catch up with this aim. Their paper on gender responsive urban planning takes a ...

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### Great Public Spaces Toolkit

The NSW Government's Great Public Spaces Toolkit has all the elements for anyone interested in public space. It's a collection of free resources to support local government, state agencies, industry and the community. The Great Public Spaces Toolkit includes: A four page Fact Sheet about the Evaluation Tool which has four key questions: Am I able to get there? Am I able to ...

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## Diversity, Design and Usability

The term 'Diversity' is often thought of as a cultural thing just as 'Accessibility' is thought of as a disability thing. The concept of universal design doesn't separate these and doesn't separate them from what's considered mainstream. That's the meaning of inclusion and inclusiveness. But let's not get hung up on the words. Diversity covers gender, ethnicity, age, size and shape, ...

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## Human-Centred Design Playbook

Human-centred design is an approach to problem-solving that puts people at the heart of the process. It's about empathy with users. This style of approach has the potential to generate more varied ideas for design solutions. It's more than community engagement - it's a collaborative and iterative design process. Collaboration and iteration are at the core of a universal design approach.

Plus an article on the principles of human-centred design.

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## Co-design with older adults

Finding out what older adults might want and need in their daily living experiences takes more than just asking them, especially if they have a cognitive impairment. Using creative methods, such as drawing and creating models, older people can express their needs in a tactile format. This also creates rapport with designers who can then devise better mobility, dining and leisure activities.

Plus an article on co-designing with people living with dementia.

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## Older people and the smart city

The term "smart city" refers to the way local authorities use digital information to make planning decisions and create solutions. But is this linked to the real lives of older people and the notion of age-friendly cities? According to UBANAGE, a European project, not enough data is collected on people aged over 65 years. Time to develop smart city technologies ...

Plus two other articles on this topic

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## Introduction to Universal Design - free online course

CUDA's online course is free and a certificate of completion will be sent once all sections of the course are completed. That includes the final questionnaire. It covers different definitions, diversity, stereotypes and the application of universal design.

**Sign up here and get started** in the free Introduction to Universal Design course. It will take less than an hour.

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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, 15 November 2024 in Melbourne. NTRO International Conference, The Transport Revolution: Solutions led by innovation, 7-9 May 2025, Melbourne. 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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## 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.

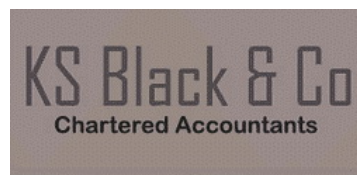
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