



CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

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Choose Inclusion: It's not hard

Australian Disability Network has created a fun video on employing people with disability. The messages are easy to take in especially with the humour - both presenters are stand-up comedians with disability. It's all part of a campaign titled, "Choose Inclusion". The title of the fun six minute video is, It's Not Hard to be Inclusive with the hashtag #RemoveBarriers. ...

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Remote focus groups for inclusive design

Asking mobility device users to come to a focus group or co-design event about transport tells the story of inaccessibility immediately. They need transport to get there. Even when it is possible, it is more inconvenient, difficult, and time consuming than for other transport users. So remote focus groups offer a solution. The objective of the study was to pilot ...

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Neuroscience for inclusive wayfinding

The history of wayfinding has evolved from visual orientation by the stars and landmarks, to signage and digital technology. A good wayfinding system will use all three - visual orientation, signage and digital applications. But it requires consistent application. If not, the likelihood of being confused and then anxious increases. That's where some neuroscience for inclusive wayfinding comes in. Effective ...

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Designing homes with dementia in mind

In most cases, designing homes with dementia in mind does not mean a special type of design. It's not news that people prefer to live at home as they age. So, universal design for dementia-friendly dwellings helps people live at home for as long as possible. However, this can sometimes prove challenging for people with dementia and their family members. Once ...

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Online Accessibility Toolkit

The National Disability Authority, which funds the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design in Ireland, has produced an online Accessibility Toolkit that is targeted towards services, both public and business. The home page has a list of items that you can look at individually. They include appropriate policies as well as practical guides to the built environment, customer service, communications and web design.

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The Home is for Every Body

Rachelle Newman's Masters thesis provides some valuable insights into some of the issues in creating accessible homes. Although it was written in 2010, the content is still relevant as the 2022 changes to the National Construction Code are still pending in most states. It discusses the role of Livable Housing Australia, Landcom Guidelines, national standards, state planning instruments, and legislative frameworks. The section covering the relationship between the adaptable housing model and the universal design model is very useful for anyone confused by it.

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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.

Conferences and calls for papers

This page has the latest information on upcoming conferences and calls for papers. New to the list: Ageing Well and e-Health: ICT4AWE 2025, 6-8 April 2025, Portugal, hybrid. Call for [submissions open until 29 October 2024](#). 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. ...

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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

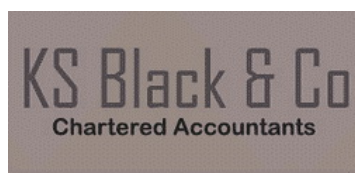
This short online course is tailor-made for professionals in the housing and home modifications sectors who want to know how to apply the Livable Housing Design Standard in the National Construction Code. It covers the technical details of the different ways to achieve a level entry, circulation spaces,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

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

Check out [more information about the course](#) and sign up.

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