

CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

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Accessible and inclusive events

The three minute video from Instagram below is a speedy run-through of the site features that make the place accessible and inclusive. No rocket science here, but some good products. Ability Fest is for everyone - it is not a "Disability Fest". That is the one problem of using the term "ability" when really meaning inclusive. Dylan Alcott loves music ...

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Older people in the media

Words matter. Our perceptions, beliefs and attitudes are shaped by the words we see and hear. The media relies on words for their work which has the power to influence, uphold or denigrate. Journalists must check their words for perpetuating stereotypes that harm, albeit unintentionally. The ageing sector must do the same. Yes, even older people perpetuate stereotypes in the ...

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Retrofitting for the Olympic Games

The retrofitting of Olympic and Paralympic Games events tends to focus on the Paralympic Games, para-athletes and spectators with disability. While we continue with this discourse we shall continue to see inclusion as a parallel and separate endeavour. Both sets of Games need the same levels of accessibility and inclusion and should therefore be discussed as one event, not two. ...

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A personal account of a dementia-friendly place

Dementia advocate Emily Ong writes a personal account of her stay at a resort and all the design factors that made it a successful and restful time. Features such as easy wayfinding, quiet spaces and easy access are part of the inclusive philosophy of the design. She explains how the resort accommodation, facilities, and landscaping are carefully designed for social inclusion. Her account on LinkedIn nicely explains how and why the designs are so thoughtful. Lots of photos illustrate points which are useful for similar holiday destinations. ...

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Universal design approach: guide to all building types

A guide from the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design covers all types of public buildings: offices, transport, retail, shopping centres, restaurants and bars, museums, galleries, libraries, entertainment centres, religious buildings, hotels, outdoor areas, parks and historic sites. The whole guide takes a universal design approach to all aspects of building design and across all types of buildings. It's a very detailed guide, but the sections have clear subheadings. The section on housing was updated in 2023.

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Social inclusion for playgrounds

Social inclusion is just as important as physical inclusion in playgrounds. So it isn't always about special equipment or design. It seems really difficult to create inclusive playgrounds without making them sound as if they are special places for children with disability. That was one finding from research in Switzerland. A commonly shared perspective was that a playground is only ...

Plus a magazine article on inclusive places for children...

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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: Fulfilling the NDIS promise in housing, Summer Foundation 17 October. 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

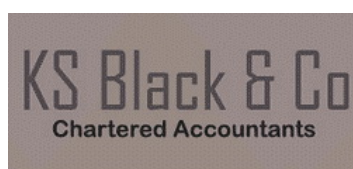
This short online course is tailor-made for professionals in the housing and home modifications sectors who want to know how to apply the Livable Housing Design Standard in the National Construction Code. It covers the technical details of the different ways to achieve a level entry, circulation spaces,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

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

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