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The role of public toilets

Most people need a toilet every 2 to 3 hours. Anyone with a health condition that affects the bladder or bowels usually needs a toilet more often. And it's surprising how many health conditions that includes. Consequently, no clean public toilets means no going out for more than an hour. The role of public toilets is far more important than ...

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Older adults: the quiet crisis of housing

When economists, property developers, real estate agents and governments discuss housing issues, they are thinking of people in the workforce. Left behind are any discussions about people not of workforce age. According to Richard Duncan there is a worsening yet quiet crisis of housing for older adults. They are ageing in homes that put them at risk of injuries, reduced ...

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Online built environment course

Centre for Excellence in Universal Design (CEUD) has a great CPD course on the built environment. It's practical because modules are based on case studies. The course is for professionals involved in the design and procurement of buildings. Learners will discover more about universal design and how to integrate it into their design practice. The benefit of an online built ...

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Studio units universally designed

Is it true that universally designed dwellings need extra space? Designing accessible studio units dispels that myth. It's how you design the space that makes the difference. It's all about being creative. A project by Studio Bright, has four units designed to accommodate Gold Livable Housing standards. Closing off the second living or study space creates a second bedroom for ...

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Builders ignored disability access

A court ruling in Queensland reminds designers and builders not to ignore disability access. But many do, and that is probably because they are unlikely to be called to account. Complaints under the Disability Discrimination Act are rare. That's because the person who experiences the discrimination has to make the complaint. And that's tough. Court cases are very stressful. The Sunshine Coast University Hospital ...

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Get started with universal design

The term 'universal design' has its early roots in the built environment, but it is so much more now. Meaghan Walls talks in a podcast about how she came to the universal design concept. She explains how universal design is now the design of everything. Universal design is about accepting and celebrating diversity as the graphic indicates. So, there are many ways to get a grasp of universal design thinking. There is a handy list of many different ways ...

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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 18 November 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

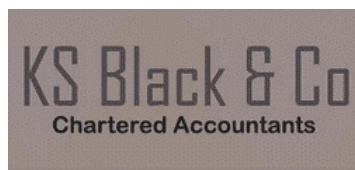
This short online course is tailor-made for professionals in the housing and home modifications sectors who want to know how to apply the Livable Housing Design Standard in the National Construction Code. It covers the technical details of the different ways to achieve a level entry, circulation spaces,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

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

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