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Housing: social and economic benefits

Mainstream housing remains one of the last areas to be subject to mandated universal design principles or access standards. Public infrastructure, such as commercial buildings, shopping centres and transport, is subject to at least some basic access requirements. Regardless of the evidence of social and economic benefits, mainstream housing developers remain resistant to change. A conference paper from Ireland adds ...

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Diversity of digital mobility users

Established public transportation systems are built on roads and rail: buses, trams and trains with fixed routes. Digital technology has brought some disruptive features to the mobility landscape. Rideshare, demand-responsive transport, and Mobility as a Service are examples of systems that rely on digital technology. Digital mobility users are a diverse group but what about those who are left out? ...

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Inclusive language tips

Amnesty International has created a list of five inclusive language tips that puts the person first rather than how society defines them. The five elements are pronouns, gender, First Nations Peoples, cultural diversity, and disability. The aim of this list is to help create a culture of respect and inclusion. "Inclusive language is language free from words, phrases or tones ...

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Access doesn't guarantee social participation

It's all very well being able to physically access the built environment, but access doesn't guarantee social participation. Just considering how the shapes, sizes and ages of different bodies physically interact with the built environment is not enough. If universal design is about increasing access as well as physical and mental wellbeing then there is more work to do. This ...

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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 ...

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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: Neurodiversity Forum 2025: Inclusive Design for All. 26 March 2025. A free one day forum, Manly, Sydney. Focus is on the built environment. Ageing Well and e-Health: ICT4AWE 2025, 6-8 April 2025, Portugal, hybrid. NTRIO 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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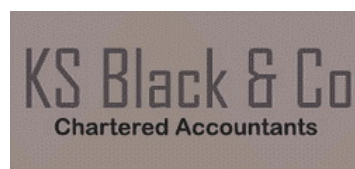
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Introduction to Universal Design - free online course

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.

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