



CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

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Special announcement

Dear Members and Subscribers

After 10 years of creating weekly newsletters and looking after the website, it is time for me to step down. Next year will see a new beginning for CUDA in a new home where the newsletter and website will continue. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting change.

I've been promoting the cause of universal design for more than 20 years and I feel we are making good progress now. Many more passionate people are joining the cause. Let's keep up the good work!

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season. *Jane Bringolf, Editor.*

8th principle of universal design?

The classic and often quoted 7 Principles of Universal Design were devised in the 1990s. The world has moved on, but many academics and practitioners remain committed to these principles. Steinfeld and Maisel updated them in 2012 to include cultural awareness as an 8th principle. In the 2020s we need to think more broadly again. A new paper proposes safety ...

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Is software design gender biased?

How much does software design impact the way women and men perform tasks? Seems there is a gender bias. A study found the amount of thinking required (cognitive load), aesthetics, and emotional design could affect task performance. The level of usability, however, has little significance when it comes to gender. Gender is not factored into the design for usability or ...

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Applying UDL without knowing it

Seems you don't have to know about UDL (Universal Design for Learning) in order to practice it. A study in the USA found that many instructors were applying UDL concepts without having actually heard of it. They call it serendipitous because it is accidentally beneficial. Being able to take complex information and make it understandable is a key skill for ...

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Guests with disability: tourism employee attitudes

The right to enjoy leisure and travel is an important aspect of participating in everyday life. Most research on inclusive tourism is focused on user experiences, but little is known about tourism employee attitudes to guests with disability. So what do employees need to know and be able to do? A study from Norway explores the issues from the perspectives ...

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Livable Housing Handbook

The Livable Housing Design Standard applies to all new Class 1a and Class 2 buildings. Class 1a buildings are detached houses, row houses, terraces, townhouses and villa units. Class 2 buildings are apartment buildings and the design requirements apply inside the apartment. Public access requirements cover the public areas. To aid practitioners, the Australian Building Codes Board has produced a ...

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Spaces for all ages: three guides

Population ageing is a global phenomenon and the policy response is to focus on aged care and congregate living. The majority of older adults live in ordinary neighbourhoods, in ordinary homes. This policy blind spot means that anything to do with ageing is seen as a health or care responsibility and not an urban planning one. We need places and ...

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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

New to the list: National Housing Conference 2025: 14-16 October 2023, Perth, Australia. Call for papers closes 16 February. New to the list: Ageing Well and e-Health: ICT4AWE 2025, 6-8 April 2025, Portugal, hybrid. NTRO International Conference, The Transport Revolution: Solutions led by innovation , 7-9 May 2025, Melbourne. ... Neurodiversity Forum 2025: Inclusive Design for ...

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Model Universal Design Position Statement

Has your organisation has been wanting to draft a universal design position statement and not sure where to start? Well, CUDA has devised a model document to get you going. 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 ...

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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 level entry, circulation spaces, bathroom details, and more. Good for anyone doing home modifications.

Check out **more information about the course** and sign up. Only **\$35.00** inc GST!

CUDA provides this course under licence from the Australian Building Codes Board

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