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Empathy driven design

Empathy driven design is a catalyst for social change. It challenges architects to consider the broader impact of their designs on social equity to make spaces more inclusive. By integrating empathy into the design process, architects can create more equitable, caring environments that serve the common good. Despite the challenges, empathy driven design is a paradigm shift in architecture, moving ...

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Research ethics and inclusion

The rules of research ethics are to make sure people who are the subject of the research are protected from harm during the research process. This can mean leaving them out of the research project because the ethics approval process is so onerous. So who decides which groups are 'vulnerable' group and those that are not? Vulnerable groups involve people ...

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Inclusive public toilets: a book

Public toilets play an important role in our lives outside of home. However, they are often neglected as an aspect of a inclusive society. A new book based on 20 years of research looks at the issues. More than 500 people contributed their perspectives to this critical overview. It presents an urgent need to re-evaluate the accessibility of, and culture ...

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Perceptions of safety in public space

Perceptions of safety in public space impact on the way women and girls carry out everyday activities. If women (or men) feel unsafe or stressed in public space, it can outweigh the benefit of being there. Plus it impacts on activities such as employment, education and access to health services. One of the targets for the gender equality goal (SDG ...

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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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The smart city and disability

The smart city concept offers promising solutions using technology to optimise infrastructure and services. However, will people with disability and others benefit? Data insights and assistive technology should offer solutions for inclusive environments, but do they? Researchers in the UK outline the challenges for people with disability and explore the role of smart solutions in urban planning. ...

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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. .
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. M-Enabling Summit 2025, 6-8 October 2025, Arlington, Virginia. ...

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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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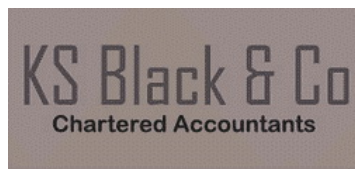
Livable Housing Design course

This short course is tailor-made for professionals in the housing and home mods sectors seeking an understanding of the NCC requirements for Livable Housing Design Standard. It delves into the technical details of both the new standard and the enhanced standard. The enhanced standard, similar to the Gold level of Livable Housing Design Guidelines, is good for anyone doing home modifications, or thinking about it. **Only \$35.00** inc GST.

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