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Pictures, photos, infographics, icons - they all convey messages. It is often said that images say more than words. A bar graph gives a visual representation of statistics making it easier to understand. A photo of a landscape in a tourist brochure piques interest in a place. Readily recognised icons send instant messages, such as this is a train station ...

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Inclusive sport for fans and players

Football is one of the most watched and played sports globally. Teams attract thousands of fans and clubs invest heavily in elite players. But what of the fans? What kind of deal do they get if they find themselves excluded from matches? A research paper based on eleven European clubs looks at the issue of inclusive sport for fans. "Football ...

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Universal design: A smart approach

A universal design approach to all things designed is a smart approach for every organisation and business. This is not new information to followers of universal design principles. However, we need to keep saying it to remind all designers to be inclusive with their designs. It is a smart approach with economic benefits as a Getaboutable blog post says. "By ...

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Policy and political barriers to inclusion

If it's not difficulty or lack of knowledge about making places and spaces inclusive and accessible, it has to be something else. Whatever it is, can a universal design approach make a difference? And what are the policy and political barriers to inclusion? That's what Lilian Müller wanted to find out. Müller's thesis explores the complexity of why a universal ...

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Neurodivergent lens on public transport

Lucinda Miller asks the same questions any follower of universal design and inclusive practice asks. "Who are our built environments planned for?" Disability access standards are framed around people with physical and sensory disabilities. But what about people with invisible disabilities? Miller puts a neurodivergent lens on public transport and challenges the way policies are 'decorated' with the language of ...

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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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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

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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