



## CUDA's Newsletter of latest posts

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### Active transport in a rural community

Most research on all types of transportation focuses on urban areas. Rural communities often receive less attention but their needs are the same. However, urban solutions are not always the answer. For people with disability, especially those who don't drive, the issues are magnified. A study in Nova Scotia used the Photovoice method to look at active transport in a ...

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### The power of co-design

The example of Frank Lloyd Wright designing a home with and for a wheelchair user is sometimes used as an example of accessible design. But Nicole Karidis writes about the Laurent House built in 1952 as an example of the power of co-design. She describes how Wright worked with Kenneth Laurent on every feature of the home. But can this ...

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### Inclusive streetscapes

There is a statistical link between disability and loneliness according to the UK Office for National Statistics. The more pronounced the disability, the greater the likelihood of loneliness. So what do streetscapes have to do with this? Every journey, for any reason begins with leaving the house and directly interacting with the street. A study of lived experience found that ...

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## Neuroergonomics, architecture and the workplace

Sensory processing directly influences the productivity, social interaction and wellbeing of neurodivergent workers. Some neurodivergent individuals experience sensory overload to sound and light for example. On the other hand others need heightened sensations such as constant movement or touching. When it comes to workplaces, architectural design should incorporate neuroergonomics. Consider a diversity of options that allow users to find spaces ...

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## Going beyond teaching "awareness"

Teaching inclusion using awareness raising techniques was thought to be the way to go. And yes it did raise some awareness, but it was rarely translated to their work in real life. This is partly because it is taught as a sideline and not integral to the course from beginning to end. Researchers in the US wondered if going beyond ...

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## Accessible Sydney Opera House

Access for people with disability was unheard of when Sydney Opera House was designed in the late 1960s. It's complex and unusual shape caused delays until it's opening in 1973. In the 2020s the same complexity meant a lot of creative design work to create an accessible Sydney Opera House. And to do it in away that maintained the integrity ...

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## Conferences and calls for papers

New to the list: National Housing Conference 2025: 14-16 October 2025, Perth, Australia. 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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## 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.

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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

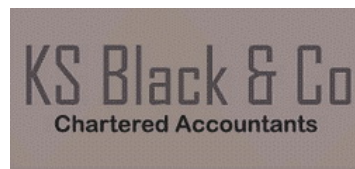
This short course is tailor-made for professionals in the housing and home mods sectors seeking an understanding of the NCC requirements for Livable Housing Design Standard. It delves into the technical details of both the new standard and the enhanced standard. The enhanced standard, similar to the 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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