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Active transport and disability

Governments are expanding cycling infrastructure for health, climate and congestion reasons. An active transport network creates connections between significant destinations and transport nodes. Done well, they connect schools, community buildings, shops and recreational areas. But this is not all good news. Cycling networks are often based on shared paths. For people with disability shared paths are a big problem. So, ...

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Co-designing inclusive communities

Action-based research and participatory methods are long-standing academic research practices. These methods are now more widespread and more usually known as co-design and co-creation. The same principles apply to both: ask the people, listen, and work together. Nevertheless, university researchers bring their particular skill-set to co-designing inclusive communities. "By exploring perspectives on inclusive and accessible public and private spaces, this work ...

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Are we there yet? Norway universally designed 2025

Olav Rand Bringa is credited with bringing a universal design approach to Norwegian planning regulations back in 1999. The result was a forward thinking document, Norway Universally Designed 2025. Bringa has followed the evolution of universal design thinking for

25 years until his retirement last year. Bringa has given a lot of thought to the evolution of the universal design ...

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Gendered spaces in urban design

Gender refers to the social, cultural and economic attributes and roles associated with being male, female or non-binary. These attributes can significantly influence how individuals experience and navigate spaces. This is how we end up with "gendered spaces". Understanding these nuances is essential for creating inclusive and equitable environments. The traditional division of labour can influence spatial patterns.

Four resources in this post including a guide, a handbook and a book on gender and cities.

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Doing plain language is a process

Accessibility and universal design have arrived in written language. People who can read and write well sometimes forget that not everyone else has that capability. But writing a document or webpage in plain language takes a lot of thought. Doing plain language is a process. This point is well made in a blog article. Kelsie Acton writes about her plain ...

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Everyone Can Play update

Water and adventure play, and connection to Country and community, are now part of the very successful playspace guideline, Everyone Can Play. The original guide broke new ground by taking a universal design approach from guide concept through to the design of the guide itself. The Everyone Can Play update is a very readable and informative guide with just the right amount of information.

Plus a users' perspectives on inclusive playgrounds

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Co-design in research: shifting the power

People with disability are often left out at the beginning of the research process when organisations want research done quickly. This reduces the level of power they have as members of the research team. To be effective, people with disability must be in decision-making positions before research proposals are developed. People with disability are expected to be involved as researchers ...

Plus: Co-create and Trans-create - using non-verbal methods, and Building Capacity for Engaged Research - a book review.

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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.
AITPM National Transport Conference, 3-5 September 2025 ...

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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.

Model Universal Design Position Statement

Has your organisation 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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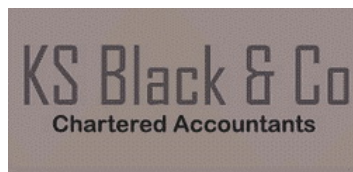
Livable Housing Design course

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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