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### Compliance and Inclusion: A case study

The disability discrimination case involving the Sunshine Coast University Hospital provides a few important learning points. The hospital was found to have caused indirect discrimination to people with vision impairments. Rectifying the long list of breaches of the Disability Discrimination Act reaches into the millions of dollars. But does compliance make for inclusion in the prescribed solutions? The Sunshine Coast University ...

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### Role of universities in the built environment

Research abounds on universal design and inclusive access in the built environment. But is there another role for universities in the built environment? A group of researchers in New Zealand thinks there is. Research on universal design in the built environment doesn't seem to be going anywhere. So, should universities do more to improve the built environment? If so, ...

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### Gender mainstreaming in urban landscapes

Traditional design frameworks often overlook the lived experiences of women, young people, older people, and other marginalised groups. A paper from South Africa proposes a model that integrates and mainstreams gender and intergenerational needs. This paper draws on policy frameworks and case studies from Vienna, Zurich, Luxembourg, and South Africa. Safety, social cohesion and environmental resilience are key elements for ...

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## Inclusive and accessible libraries

We know public libraries have books and magazines, but they are often a major focal point in a community as well. But not everyone can take advantage of the many and varied library resources, and it's not just about being able to read. Getting to and around a library and being made welcome will encourage more people to take advantage of their local library.

Plus two other articles on universal design and libraries.

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## Just and Fair Design

How can design be fair to everyone? Is it even possible to design for everyone? The authors of Just Design argue that justice and fairness in design is not about the output but about the process. Inclusion is more about the social context rather than the design of a particular thing. The authors' arguments are not new to practitioners and advocates of universal design. They understand the context of inclusion is also about the participation of users with a range of disabilities.

Plus an article on access to courts and inclusive court processes.

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## Universally designed dream home

This is not your average home. This one goes beyond even enhanced features in the Livable Housing Design Standard. However, it shows what is possible with creative design thinking. Depending on where you live, the key features will be embedded in all new homes under the Livable Housing Design Standard. And it's good for home renovations too. Contrary to the many myths, introducing universal design features into a home doesn't compromise aesthetics. ...

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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 ...

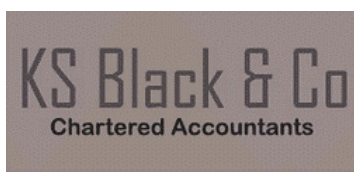
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