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Towards the accessible city

Three practicing architects discuss their perspective on systemic industry failure to create accessible and inclusive cities. This is because traditional thinking pushes accessible design to the margins as an afterthought. And then only in terms of technical and regulatory compliance. So how can we change the mindset to focus on public good and work towards the accessible city? The architects ...

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Universal design and terminology

Researchers like to have a set of defined terms for their field of work. It makes communicating with each other clearer and easier and for comparing studies. But when similar concepts begin from different origins, different terms are coined depending on the context. Universal design is a concept that falls within the field of social science. As such we can ...

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Humans in human-centred design

Where are the humans in Human-Centred Design? Well, they are rarely in the design drawings. So what would happen if designers were asked to put drawings of people in their designs? That's what an interdisciplinary group of researchers from the University of Michigan wanted to find out. "The simple intention to include representations of people interacting with design ideas can ...

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Implementing universal design in public places

What and where are the problems when it comes to implementing universal design in public places? Three Swedish researchers decided to find out. The first step is to consider all the actors that have a role in creating public places and spaces. They all make choices based on particular strategies. Then there are inherent conditions: topography, the space itself, time ...

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Shaping perceptions of ageing

Why don't older people want to talk about ageing? Is there really a lack of people willing to talk about older people and ageing? That is, compared to other interest groups. Or is it part of the general stereotyping or prejudice that a new report has highlighted? Are age advocacy groups and researchers invisible as well? How can we shape perceptions of ageing in the media? What should journalists do? ...

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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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