



Centre for Excellence in Universal Design Ireland

Case study overview

The **Centre for Excellence in Universal Design** (CEUD) is an organisation dedicated to enabling the design of environments that can be accessed, understood and used regardless of age, size and ability. It promotes universal design. The **universal design approach** is defined as:

"Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach" provides comprehensive best practice guidance on how to design, build and manage buildings and spaces so that they can be readily accessed and used by everyone, regardless of age, size ability or disability.

(source: definition from [2])

A set of guidelines have been produced for reference. These guidelines are set-up as a series of ten documents on:

1. External environment.
2. Entrances and Horizontal Circulation.
3. Vertical Circulation.
4. Internal Environment and Services.
5. Sanitary Facilities.
6. Facilities.
7. Building Types.
8. Building Management.
9. Planning.



10. Index and Terminology.

Accompanying the **universal design approach** is the **shared space** information site which is described as:

"Shared Space, Shared Surfaces and Home Zones from a Universal Design Approach for the Urban Environment in Ireland" explores contemporary national and international practices and thinking on Shared Spaces, Shared Surfaces and Home Zones and to investigate these concepts from a Universal Design approach in the Irish urban environment. This report sets out key evidence based findings and provides key recommendations in relation to the implementation of Shared Spaces, Shared Surfaces and Home Zones in Ireland.

(source: definition from [3])

References

- [1] Centre for Excellence in Universal Design, Shared Space. ONLINE, available: <http://www.universaldesign.ie/sharedspace>
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