News

March 5th Lunch and Learn, Mark Morris' Dance for PD with David Leventhal.

Dance for PD®, developed and sustained through a 13-year collaboration between Mark Morris Dance Group and Brooklyn Parkinson Group, empowers people with Parkinson’s disease to explore movement in ways that are refreshing, enjoyable, stimulating, and creative. The program fosters a network of affiliated classes in 34 states and 10 countries around the world. Visit www.danceforpd.org for more information.

Learn more about David Leventhal and Dance for PD...

When: March 5th 2014, 12pm-1:30pm
Where: The Institute for Human Centered Design
200 Portland st Boston Ma, 02114

This event is free and open to the public. To RSVP and for special accommodations please contact Willa Crolius at wcrolius@ihcdesign.org or call (617) 259-1655

Food was donated for this event by:
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The International Union of Architects (UIA) announces the launch of its international award "Friendly Spaces Accessible to All." Deadline March 31st.

This award celebrates excellence in architecture that is accessible to all and respects the principles of universal design. The award will be presented to completed projects that have created attractive, inclusive and sustainable environments where the recognition of human diversity through friendly architectural expression has been central to the design process.

Learn more about the Friendly Spaces
Making More of Ourselves - Sensory & Multimodal UX with Alastair Somerville, March 12th.

Coming to IHCD straight from South by Southwest SXSW, *Making More of Ourselves* is an activity-based provocation about our addiction to the visual and how it is other senses, like touch, smell and hearing, that are key to designing the future of multimodal user experiences for wearable technologies and more. [Watch a video of one of these workshops...](#)

**Learn more about Alastair Somerville and this workshop...**

**When:** March 12th, 2014 2:00-5:30pm  
**Where:** The Institute for Human Centered Design  
200 Portland St Boston Ma 02114  
**Price:** $25

ATTENTION: You must sign up in advance to attend this workshop space is very limited. $25 a ticket to be paid with a credit card by phone or check at the door. Only advanced payment guarantees you a spot.  
To reserve your spot contact Willa Crolius at wcrolius@ihcdesign.org or call (617) 259 1655.

London gears up for the first fully researched inclusive and electric taxi.

The Royal College of Art’s Vehicle Design programme and the Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design have been working with Karsan, leading Turkish automotive manufacturer, to create what could be the first all-electric and fully inclusive vehicle for the London taxi market. [Learn more about the taxi...](#)

Board advisory committee issues report on medical diagnostic equipment.
The Access Board's Medical Diagnostic Equipment (MDE) Accessibility Standards Advisory Committee has issued its report on accessibility standards for medical diagnostic equipment. The committee's report provides detailed recommendations on how MDE accessibility standards that the Board previously issued for public comment should be finalized. Once finalized by the Board, the standards will cover access to examination tables and chairs, weight scales, x-ray machines, mammography equipment, and other types of diagnostic equipment.

Read the medical diagnostic equipment report here...

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**Engineering better mental health solutions by IHCD’s Brian Mullen.**

The world needs more engineers in mental healthcare. By many metrics, mental illness and brain disorders are the world’s largest health issue. These illnesses make an impact on every aspect of our lives and are extremely costly to treat. While many call for more and better solutions from pharmaceutical companies, what we really need are more engineers and engineering programs to provide alternative devices and supplemental programs to treat mental illness.

Read the rest of Brian Mullen’s article here...

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**IHCD is honored to host a new Brazilian research fellow Fernanda Jordani.**

Fernanda was born and raised in Brazil, where she earned a Bachelor’s degree in Industrial Design at FAAP in São Paulo. As part of her award-winning graduation thesis, Fernanda designed a portable and inclusive walking stick for elderly people, which are currently being patented. Also at FAAP, she earned a Master’s degree in Interior Design with her research that focused on understanding how emotional, social, and environmental factors affect human behavior. Based on the concept that choices expose the user to the world, Fernanda explored how this knowledge should be used to improve the design process and its results to people of all abilities.

Learn more about Fernanda Jordani here...

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**Design Week Boston Events at IHCD**

**AGE-in-PLACE with DIGNITY with Karen F Brown, March 25th.**

Architect and Interior Designer Karen F Brown, AIA will present simple ways to modify your home so that you can age-in-place with comfort, dignity and grace.
She will show you a recent project completed in Concord, MA for a couple in their 70s. While the house reflects sophistication and style, many age-in-place features are incorporated to include an elegant low-rise stair, a hidden pneumatic elevator, casement windows, and wider doorways with lever handles. The kitchen artfully combines lower countertops, a sit-down workspace and a discreet movable trolley. The bathrooms feature zero threshold showers with seats, a walk-in tub and non-slip floors. Karen's clients are delighted to stay in the comfort of their own home for decades to come!

Learn more about Karen Brown and this event here...

When: March 25th 6:00-7:00pm
Where: Institute for Human Centered Design
200 Portland st Boston Ma 02114
This event is free and open to the public. Contact Willa Crolius with questions and to RSVP at wcrolius@ihcdesign.org or call (617) 259-1655

Running with Scissors at IHCD, March 27th.

IHCD opens its doors to all designers, engineers, and general smarty pants folks to come and work with some of our User/Experts who have a mix of hand impairments to begin to understand where this scissor idea just doesn't quite cut it.
IHCD has found that people at the edges of the spectrum of ability are especially attuned to knowing when design fails, and also to what works. This is where true innovation happens!

When: March 27th 6:30-8pm
Where: Institute for Human Centered Design
200 Portland st Boston Ma 02114

Learn more about Running with Scissors here...

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be offered. Got questions? Call Willa! (617) 259-1655 or email wcrolius@ihcdesign.org

Upcoming Conferences & Calls

Join the New England ADA youth advisory board for March 22nd meeting.

If you are age 16-25, join us Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 12:30-3:30 at the Institute for Human Centered Design 200 Portland Street in Boston, MA 02114. We want to know how to reach today's youth with disabilities with information critical to their school and work success!

Lunch will be provided.

For more information visit the New England ADA website...
Architectural Boston Expo call for proposals, closes March 3rd.

The conference program hosts more than 175 workshops and tours covering relevant industry issues and projects. A diverse range of topics and ideas attracts the full spectrum of building industry professionals, including architects, engineers, builders/contractors and owners/clients.

The call for proposals is now live. If you would like to submit a workshop and/or tour for the ABX 2014 conference program, do so here. The call closes at midnight on Monday, March 3.

Submit a Proposal to ABX...

Destinations For All: call for abstracts ends March 3rd.

Destinations for All, the first ever international summit on accessible tourism, will take place October 19 to 22, 2014. Set into motion by Kéroul and supported by international organizations such as the United Nations and the ENAT, the Destinations for All World Summit will be held at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, Québec, where key players in tourism, culture, and transportation will aim to identify and implement the necessary measures to establish international tourism that is inclusive and accessible.

To learn more visit the Destinations for All Website...

Institute on Disability released it’s Annual Disability Statistics Compendium.

The Annual Disability Statistics Compendium is a web-based tool that pools disability statistics published by various federal agencies together in one place. When working on legislative and other matters relating to persons with disabilities, the Compendium makes finding and using disability statistics easier.

Learn more and read the report here...

Open Style Lab call for adaptive design advocates, deadline March 1st.

The Open Style Lab is a 10-week summer program (June 13-August 16, 2014) for design, occupational therapy and engineering students to create clothing solutions for people with disabilities collaboratively.

Learn more about the Open Style Lab program and apply...

IHCDstore Announcement!!
Pack-up Bottle by Light My Fire.

Big when you need it and small when you don’t. This is the ultimate bottle for the serious adventurer as well as the practically minded city dweller. Collapsible into three parts, the Pack-Up-Bottle is easy to fill up and clean. A standard-size neck allows you to add other accessories, such as a water filter, while a sturdy loop makes sure you don’t lose the cap. The loop on the cap makes it comfortable to carry in your hand or strap onto your backpack.

Visit us online at IHCDstore.org or come on in our store to try one!
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200 Portland st.
Boston Ma 02114

Featured Publications

Programming for Children and Teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Those who understand the unique sensitivities of young people with autism spectrum disorder, now the second most commonly diagnosed serious developmental disability, know that ordinary library programming guides are not up to the task of effectively serving these library users. Klipper has presented at conferences and trained librarians from around the country in autism awareness, and the grant-funded Sensory Storytime programming she developed at The Ferguson Library in Stamford, Connecticut is a model for reaching children with autism spectrum disorder.

To get the book click here...

Your Support

We invite you to consider IHCD in your giving plans. We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization so your full donation can be taken as a tax deduction. A great deal of work, especially those projects working on inclusive design with low-income communities in the US and developing nations around the world, are not supported by contract or foundation support.

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