How do we go beyond Universal Design and Aging in Place?

Read these words from Dani Polidor, a Certified Living In Place Professional and Ambassador for Living In Place. This article is for all housing industry experts, kitchen designers, home builders, remodelers, and medical care providers including, occupational and physical therapists.

Autism, Deafness, Deaf-Blindness, Multiple Disabilities, Hearing Impaired, Learning Disability, Orthopedic Impairment, Emotional Disturbance, Intellectual Disability, Speech or Language Impairment, Traumatic Brain Injury, Visual Impairment, and Other Health Impairments are just some of the categories that the 1975 IDEA Act (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) ensured the rights and protections to children with disabilities and to their parents or legal guardians.

In 1990 the Americans with Disabilities Act became law and required reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities in public and the workplace. As we know now, there is still a long way to go to make all spaces fully accessible. In the home building industry, there are a plethora of products and construction methods that accommodate people with disabilities, however the information is siloed and fragmented until now...

**There is a global shift taking hold!** Equity, Inclusion, Equality and Justice are at the forefront of societal change. The Living In Place Institute is leading the charge by changing the landscape of all construction by making all spaces Safe - Healthy - Comfortable, for everyone. All ages and abilities.

Join the movement by becoming a Certified Living in Place Professional and discover:

- How To Create Interprofessional Teams
- Why Change Is Needed - Statistics & Trends
- How Medical Needs Affect Home Design
- Practical Design Solutions for Wellness In All Homes
- How Home Assessments Help Designing For All Ages
- How To Build Your Business

The founders Louie Delaware and Erik Listou are my true heroes because although there have been countless of pioneers in the field, none have taken hold and inspired leaders in the profession to join together and make an all-inclusive change. We are blessed to be part of a community that has reached Canada, Europe, and Asia and will become the new standard in evidence based humane design that anticipates and accommodates the needs of all users.