



## Jess Allen

**Jess Allen** a dancer and walking artist from Aberystwyth undertaking a practice study PhD in Performance at the University of Manchester looking at walking in rural landscapes as an eco-activist dance practice. She has been a life-long walker and has built up a healthy skepticism of forecasts, especially those that predict the weather, so she brings a refreshing take on the concept of a walking forecast - her predictions may not be quite what you expect.

Notes from **Jess Allen's 5 year walking forecast for Talking Walking**: Recorded over the telephone in December 2013 and published in January 2014 on <http://talkingwalking.net>

To mark the fifth anniversary of Talking Walking, we asked thought leaders to make their 5 year predictions about the state of walking in the fields in which they work and the places where they live. Respondents were asked to call a Skype number to leave their forecast, identifying who they were, what work they were doing that revolved around walking, and what their forecast was for walking in the next five years. We recorded these voice messages and reproduce them here: <http://www.talkingwalking.net/5-year-walking-forecast/>

### Links to further information on topics mentioned:

Eco-activism: [http://www.theecologist.org/blogs\\_and\\_comments/commentators/other\\_comments/962947/where\\_next\\_for\\_ecoactivism.html](http://www.theecologist.org/blogs_and_comments/commentators/other_comments/962947/where_next_for_ecoactivism.html)

Recent projects of Jess Allen:

Tilting at Windmills: <http://www.tiltingatwindmills.org.uk/>

All in a Day's Walk: <http://allinadayswalk.org.uk/>

Drop in the Ocean: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIyiIbDKZKM>

Her academic papers: <http://manchester.academia.edu/JessAllen/Papers>

An interview with **Jess Allen** recorded on a walk on Offa's Dyke, in which she talks about her month long foraging piece "**All in a Day's Walk**" will be published on TalkingWalking later in 2014