

Amy Sharrocks

Winner of the inaugural *Sculpture Shock* prize of the *Royal British Society of Sculptors*, London-born and raised **Amy Sharrocks**, talks about her love of her home town, and how much she enjoys sharing discoveries with fellow walkers and swimmers. One could argue, that she is infatuated with water, not just consuming the stuff, but swimming her way across London; but in truth, her interests are in journeying by whatever means as long as the mode provides the traveller with time to contemplate and daydream.

In this interview with Andrew Stuck, recorded on the eve of the selection of the *Sculpture Shock* winner in November, 2012, Amy talks about the range of her work and how she sees live art as a clear way in which we humans sculpt our everyday urban lives.

Notes from the podcast interview by Andrew Stuck: Recorded in November 2012 in Regents Park London and published in May 2013 on http://talkingwalking.net

London is a River City: Dowsing London's buried rivers: http://www.londonisarivercity.com/

The Museum of London - http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/Explore-online/Pocket-histories/roman-life/

Vicky Sweetlove is the dowser who worked with Amy. Vicky is also a leading Feng Shui Consultant – more details here: http://www.fengshuilife.co.uk/?page=about_vicky_sweetlove British Society of Dowsers http://www.britishdowsers.org/

Ana Laura Lopez de la Torre: http://lopezdelatorre.org/

Drift – comments from participants in the 2006 live art piece http://www.iwanttoswim.co.uk/swimdrift.html

I want to swim – 2007 – http://www.iwanttoswim.co.uk/ a group swim across London inspired in part by Burt Lancaster in the film version of The Swimmer, a novel by John Cheever http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Swimmer

Fancy a dip? Why not join Amy in swimming across the Thames: http://www.swimthethames.co.uk/

Port of London Authority http://www.pla.co.uk/
Pool of London by Tower Bridge http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pool of London

Amy is a member of **ArtsAdmin**: http://www.artsadmin.co.uk/

Water Bar - how one of London's print media reported it:

http://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/london-life/amy-sharrocks-the-woman-with-the-key-to-londons-water-8534583.html

John Snow discovered that cholera was water-borne: http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic figures/snow john.shtml

Sculpture Shock prize awarded by the Royal British Society of Sculptors:

http://www.sculptureshock.rbs.org.uk/ambulatory Elisabeth Frink: http://www.elisabethfrink-estate.com/

Amy likened her Drift piece as a 'poor man's' Ellen McArthur: http://www.ellenmacarthur.com/

Amy recommends finding the river closest to where you live, and walking from its source to its mouth.