



## **Nick Tyler**

Nick Tyler is Chadwick Chair of Civil Engineering at University College London and is the director of PAMELA one of the largest research laboratories in the country. However, as we learn from this softly-spoken professor it is not large enough, so he is now overseeing the building of a laboratory in Dagenham. What has all this got to do with walking you ask? As Andrew Stuck learned in this conversation recorded before the pandemic, Nick is as interested in the fine grain detail of pedestrian behaviour as he is in engineering spaces that work for people. We also get an inkling of how the 2 metre social distance might have been decided upon, once the COVID virus had struck. 29'44" 13.9MB

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded in April 2019 in Regent's Park, London and published in February 2021. <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

Professor Nick Tyler at University College London

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/civil-environmental-geomatic-engineering/people/prof-nick-tyler>

Edward Hall an American anthropologist who wrote about categorizing spaces dependent on human behaviour and our social uses of space in the 1960s [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward\\_T.\\_Hall](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_T._Hall)

Jan Gehl a Danish architect who published the seminal work, Life between buildings in the early 1970s [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan\\_Gehl](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Gehl)

The conversation includes a discussion on tactile pavement, kerbs and shared space [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shared\\_space](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shared_space)

Kevin Lynch is an American urban planner who wrote "What time is this space?" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin\\_A.\\_Lynch](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kevin_A._Lynch)

PAMELA - Pedestrian Accessibility and Movement Environment Laboratory

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/civil-environmental-geomatic-engineering/research/groups-centres-and-sections/pedestrian-accessibility-movement-environment-laboratory-pamela>

PEARL - Person-Environment-Activity Research Laboratory

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/civil-environmental-geomatic-engineering/research/groups-centres-and-sections/person-environment-activity-research-laboratory>

Nick Tyler recommends trying to walk across London without walking beside a road.