



## Emma Jackson

It's a sunny summer's day and Andrew Stuck is on the Waterlink Way, a green route for cyclists and pedestrians that follows the valley of the rivers, Ravensbourne, Pool and Quaggy, flowing south to north through the London Borough of Lewisham. Andrew is in the company of **Emma Jackson**, an urban sociologist at Goldsmith's, University of London and the Director of the Centre of Urban and Community Research, as she tells him about how she uses walking in her research and in teaching her students. They talk about the research centre and how she herself studied there, as well as what urban sociologists do in general, and specifically, when the pandemic restricted their explorations. Emma is keen to impress on how every walk is different, even if you're following a familiar route, as the Waterlink Way is to both of us. As if to endorse what she is saying, something unusual does occur. 23'18" 10.9MB

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded on Waterlink Way south of Catford bridge station, London Borough of Lewisham, London in June 2023 and published in December 2023. <http://www.talkingwalking.net>

Rivers Ravensbourne, Pool and Quaggy and the Waterlink Way: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/waterlink>

Centre of Urban and Community Research: <https://www.gold.ac.uk/cucr/>

Robert Park - urban sociologist: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_E.\\_Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_E._Park)

River action groups:

Friends of River Pool: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Friends-of-the-River-Pool/100067381701322/>

Quaggy Waterways Action Group: <https://qwag.org.uk/>

Writing Walking: [https://research.gold.ac.uk/id/eprint/33260/3/Writing\\_Walking\\_Digital\\_Version\\_\(1\)\\_2\\_.pdf](https://research.gold.ac.uk/id/eprint/33260/3/Writing_Walking_Digital_Version_(1)_2_.pdf)

Serious Money: Walking Plutocratic London by Caroline Knowles: <https://seriousmoneybook.com/#panel1>

Doreen Massey [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doreen\\_Massey\\_\(geographer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doreen_Massey_(geographer))

The Lewisham Stag artwork: <https://qwag.org.uk/stags-of-the-river-quaggy-lewisham-natureman/>

Michael Keith <https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/people/michael-keith/> - former Director of CUCR

Walter Benjamin: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter\\_Benjamin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Benjamin)

W.E.B. du Bois: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W.\\_E.\\_B.\\_Du\\_Bois](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W._E._B._Du_Bois)

Local organisations for which CUCR provides research: Phoenix Housing - <https://www.phoenixch.org.uk/> and the 999 Club: <https://999club.org/>

Emma's recommended walks:

1. Catford to Ladywell on the Waterlink Way: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/waterlink>
2. Peckham High Street & Rye Lane: <https://historicengland.org.uk/research/results/reports/7094/CentralPeckhamHistoricAreaAssessment> and <https://londonpostcodewalks.wordpress.com/2017/12/31/se15-somethings-a-rye/> Lags, Peckham, Repeat: Journey to the Lakes on the relationship between Peckham and Lagos, features an essay by Folakunle Oshun, exhibition co-curator <https://www.southlondongallery.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Lagos-Peckham-Repeat-gallery-guide-1.pdf>