Saira Niazi
The people Andrew Stuck interviews tend to be talented, resourceful and resilient or a combination of each, one might describe them as 'can do' people. Saira Niazi is not only a 'can do' but is a 'has done' and 'will do'. She has worked in many roles, between jobs, a dozen or so years ago she set up Living London, leading walking tours that she called 'Wanderings', seeking out 'hidden gems' in part to satisfy her own curiosity and finding others to share her discoveries.

Saira is a recent recipient of a Winston Churchill Fellowship and travelled to New York and San Francisco seeking out what she calls 'Renegade Guides' those have a similar passion for exploration and sharing knowledge. She has returned home to Tooting in south west London and written and published the 'Renegade Guide Handbook'. 22'51" 10.7MB

Notes from the podcast interview by **Andrew Stuck**: Recorded on a walk from Bermondsey Street, to Tabbard Gardens and Trinity Church Square in June 2025 and published in June 2025. http://www.talkingwalking.net

Living London https://www.livinglondon.org/about
The Renegade Guide Handbook (free download) https://www.livinglondon.org/renegade-guides-handbook

Slow Ways https://beta.slowways.org/
The Churchill Fellowship https://www.churchillfellowship.org/
During her visit to San Francisco, she mentions she undertook two tours: A South Asian tour: https://www.berkeleysouthasian.org/ and of https://sanfranciscolovetours.com/tour-guides/

Slow Way from Canvey Island to Southend in Saira's words: https://buildstories.slowways.org/canvey-island-to-southend-on-sea-a-slow-ways-journey/

Geoff Simmons Tooting's renegade guide: https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/arts-and-culture/commission-diversity-public-realm/london-unseen-heritage-tours-and-trails/london-unseen-meet-our-guides/geoff-simmons

Saira suggests two walks:
1. Walk Warwick Avenue to Notting Hill - beside the canal, skate parks, London's oldest garden centre and the Trellick Tower Street Art yard
2. Follow a Slow Way from Hastings to Rye https://beta.slowways.org/Settlement/Rye or https://www.walkingclub.org.uk/walk/hastings-to-rye/