

Talk the Walk: Wednesday 9 September: Childhood: children, play and independent mobility -

First Name	Last Name	Organisation	One sentence
Peter	Baird	Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners	I am personally and professionally interested in improving the public realm and increasing opportunities for walking (I am lucky enough to be able to walk to work, which I value greatly). I have also recently completed a Masters in Urban Design at Oxford Brookes in which I focused on the provision of shared gardens and their influence on the place identity of, amongst other things, the surrounding public realm.
*Bhupinder	Bhoday	DCSF	Play Pathfinder Manager, Department for Children, Schools and Families
*Ashley	Blackmore	Foot Power	The Vision for Footpower is: Healthy citizens, creating happy communities, that are re-connected to the environment. The Mission is: Leading a new generation to view 'foot power' as their primary means of transport; creating lasting change in health, the environment and local communities.
*Ross	Butcher	Transport for London	I work in the school travel plan team. I Quality assure in the region of 800-900 travel plans a year and I am responsible for the training and support our team give to School Travel Advisors in London.
Philip	Cave	Philip Cave Associates	A landscape architect who is interested in talking about using standards to encourage play provision and considering the whole public realm potentially for play
*Andrew	Combes	Dorset CC / DCFS	Anger is an energy'(John Lydon PIL) . The problems we face are 'As old as punk' and no closer to being resolved. I still have the anger but am increasingly at a loss as to how we achieve lasting change?
*Issy	Cole-Hamilton	Play England	I am Head of Policy and Research at Play England, and am keen to find ways of bringing about change in the public realm to create child-friendly spaces and communities.
Lisa	Davis	Play England	I have a keen interest in enhancing traffic planing and policy so that children and young people have access to child friendly local neighbourhoods that they can play in and move around independently.
*Des	de Moor	Ramblers' Association	As Senior Everyday Walking Officer at the Ramblers and one of the developers of a Walk4Life family walking pilot I am interested in anything that can help get children active through walking in the outdoors.
*Nigel	Dotchin	Department for Transport	Nigel is head of Equalities Policy in DfT's Regional and Local Strategy Division, where he is currently working on delivery of the Department's Equality of Opportunity objective.
Joel	Fowler	Phoenix Community Housing	I'm new to the world of playbuilder/playgrounds and am eager to learn more about encouraging positive play in positive play space.
*Tom	Gibb	DCSF	Play Policy Advisor (communities and safety), Department for Children, Schools and Families

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Judtih	Hannah	Natural England	I am a social evidence principal specialist, Natural England: our 'Million Children Outdoors' programme aims to develop children's opportunities to enjoy the fitness, exploration, appreciation and learning that natural places offer – in local neighbourhoods as much as at nature reserves, countryside and coasts.
Tim	Gill	Writer	Tim is one of the UK's leading thinkers on childhood, especially their play and free time, and is author of No Fear: Growing up in a risk-averse society.
Jane	Hartley	Cool Tan Arts	CoolTan Arts run the Largactyl Shuffle a monthly guided walk running between the Maudsley Hospital and Tate Modern it explores the relationship between mental health and the Borough of Southwark and the relationship between mental well being and physical well being
Moir	Herring	Groundwork London	I work for Groundwork London as a Community Projects Officer. I'm currently focusing on delivering the community consultation elements of a number of playspace projects on housing estates in Ealing and Hammersmith and Fulham, working in partnership with Ealing Homes/Hammersmith and Fulham Homes.
*Mayer	Hillman	Policy Studies Institute	Mayer Hillman is Senior Fellow Emeritus at Policy Studies Institute where he has been engaged since 1970 on social and environmental research and has authored or co-authored over 50 publications on its findings.
*Elizabeth	Hoehnke	CABE Space	Liz Hoehnke is a qualified landscape architect and urban designer with over eight years of professional experience. She manages the CABE Space enabling support on site based projects, particularly parks, streets and play work
Robert	Huxford	Urban Design Group	Robert Huxford is Director of the Urban Design Group, co-editor of the UK Guide on Highway Risk and Liability Claims and as an independent consultant supports the Public Realm Information and Advice Network (PRIAN) www.publicrealm.info < http://www.publicrealm.info/ >
Richard	Joslin	Play England - London	I have recently started as a Play England Regional Development Officer for the London Region, but I have a background in managing transport and urban design projects.
Ann	Kenrick	Writer	Ann Kenrick OBE will draw on research for her recent book "Let me out! How to enjoy the school run." promoting the joys of walking and cycling to school, to provide a parent's perspective on the critical importance of this journey in enabling our children to develop a greater sense of independence and a stronger connection with their local communities.
*Liz	Kessler	EC1 New Deal	An urban designer working as Public Space Co-ordinator for EC1 New Deal for Communities; as such she is responsible for a series of linked improvements to the parks, streets and open spaces on the large local authority estates that are characteristic of the area.
*Rod	King	20s Plenty for us	Rod King is founder of 20's Plenty for Us; the voluntary organisation campaigning for local authorities to set 20 mph as the default speed limit for residential, urban and village roads.

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*Louise	Lord	Sustainable Development Commission	I am interested in how the places we create shape children's lives. If we made places which prioritised children's health and happiness – I wonder what would they look like? How can planners, designers, policy-makers and children's services work together to make good places to grow up?
Angus	Macdonald	Knowledge Mappers	I am the GIS guru behind School Travel Health Check
*Roger	Mackett	University College London	Roger Mackett is Professor of Transport Studies at UCL and has carried out research into children's physical activity and its relationship with factors including travel behaviour and independent mobility.
Rachel	Maile	London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Rachel Maile is a Sustainable Travel Officer for Tower Hamlets Council, working mainly on the walking Active Travel Projects which are part of the Healthy Tower Hamlets Programme which was set up to tackle the environmental causes of overweight and obesity in children and families in the borough.
Nicola	Mathers	CABE Space	Nicola works for CABE Space, offering best practice guidance and toolkits to help land owners and community groups get the very best from public space improvement projects. Young persons Spaceshaper, to be launched later this year, will help young people to have a say in such projects.
Ian	Phillips		Ian is an independent landscape architect and town planner with an optimistic approach to engaging both decision makers and users in open space design and management that looks good and works well.
David	Prichard	Metropolitan Workshop	I am a Director of Architects and Urban Design practice, Metropolitan Workshop
Trevor	Pybus	Phoenix Community Housing	I got the pleasure of developing a Playbuilder/Lottery playground for young people in Downham – and I receive the wrath of some local people in developing the playground for young people in Downham
Zoe	Renton	National Children's Bureau	Zoe Renton is a Policy Officer at NCB, and works, in partnership with Play England, on policy activity relating to transport, traffic and travel
Elisabeth	Roberts	Sustrans	Elisabeth Roberts is Senior Project Officer for Active Travel and Play at Sustrans - the UK's leading sustainable transport charity. Her current work includes practical projects to improve walking and cycling access to play space, with a particular focus on the role of active travel and play in tackling childhood obesity.
*Katherine	Rooney	Liveable Neighbourhoods	I manage the DIY Streets project across England and Wales, which helps residents to re-design their own streets affordably, putting people at their heart, and making them safer and more attractive places to live in, play in and travel through.

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Alison	Ruff		I am a self employed planner specialising in school travel plans and walking buses as a way of promoting health.
John	Rymell	London Borough of Tower Hamlets	John Rymell, pedestrian, cyclist, public transport user, car and van driver and recently passed motorcycle CBT – 6 years as School Travel Adviser at Tower Hamlets – target reached of all schools with a Travel Plan by April 2009 – reported home-school car usage reduced from 17.5% in 2005 to 11.6% in 2009.
Ruth	Shaw	Greenwich Teaching PCT	I work for NHS Greenwich in the Public Health and Wellbeing directorate and lead on physical activity for the PCT. The local CSPAN will focus on Play at the next meeting and therefore I would like to be as informed as possible in order to determine what our next steps are locally.
Juliet	Solomon	London Metropolitan University	Juliet Solomon is a member of the Cities Institute at the London Metropolitan University. Much of her work in transport, since working on the "One False Move" project in the early 1990s, has been concerned with children (and their parents) and young people.
*Andrew	Stuck	Rethinking Cities Ltd	As your host, it won't come as a surprise to you that I like bringing people together in the desire of making policy and strategic connections that get more people walking and improving the built environment. Over the last 7 years I have been working on projects that promote children's independent mobility.
Mel	Sutton	Rethinking City Living	Founder of Rethinking City Living, Mel works with children and families to enable them to live healthy and fulfilled lives.
Alex	Trouton	Southwark PCT (Public Health)	I work as a health policy officer in Southwark and also live there and I am interested in the contribution public space can make to wellbeing and community coherion.
Adrian	Voce	Play England	Director of Play England