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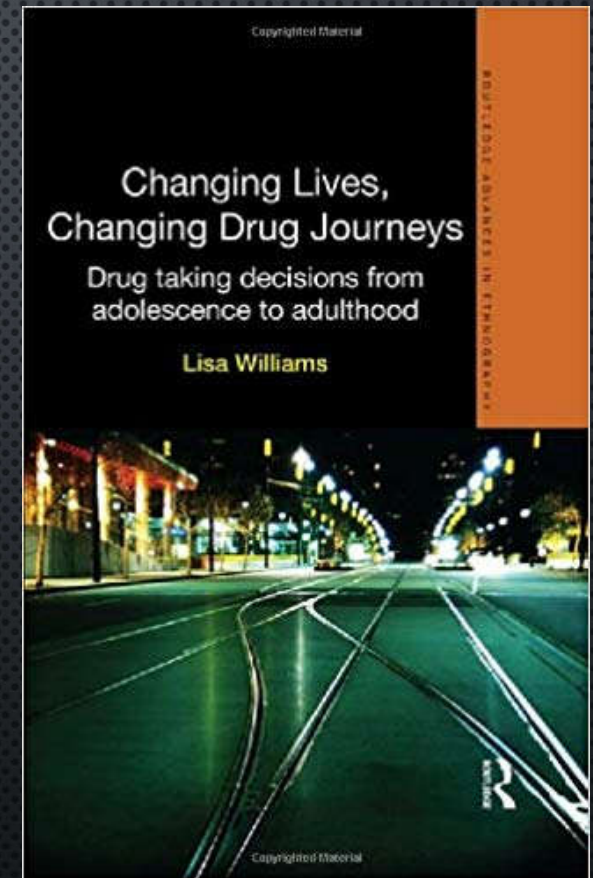
AGEING RAVERS' TRANSITIONS TO ADULthood AND THEIR CONTINUED  
PARTICIPATION IN POST-RAVE EVENTS AND DRUG TAKING

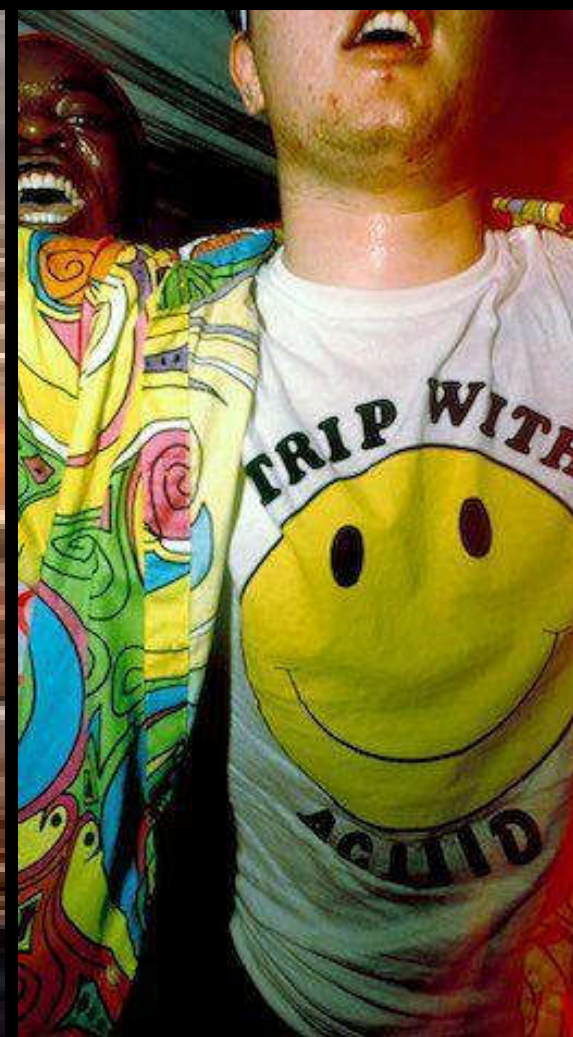
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## BACKGROUND





# ACID PARTY SHOCK!



FIVE thousand Acid House partygoers from across the South East made a surprise descent on a farm in Ashbury last weekend. The visitors of revelry arrived at a Premier Lord at St Mary's Farm, Hampshire, for the Acid House party. Although the night was a success for the organisers, it was a disaster for the police. The night was a success for the organisers, it was a disaster for the police. The night was a success for the organisers, it was a disaster for the police.

5000 fall on quiet village

## Riot police attacked at acid party

## Drugs party tip-off aided crackdown by police

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## 5,000 descend on Acid House party

By COLIN PALMER  
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ACID HOUSE SPECIAL

**BIZOUTTE**  
 WITH GARRY BUSHELL AND RICK SKY

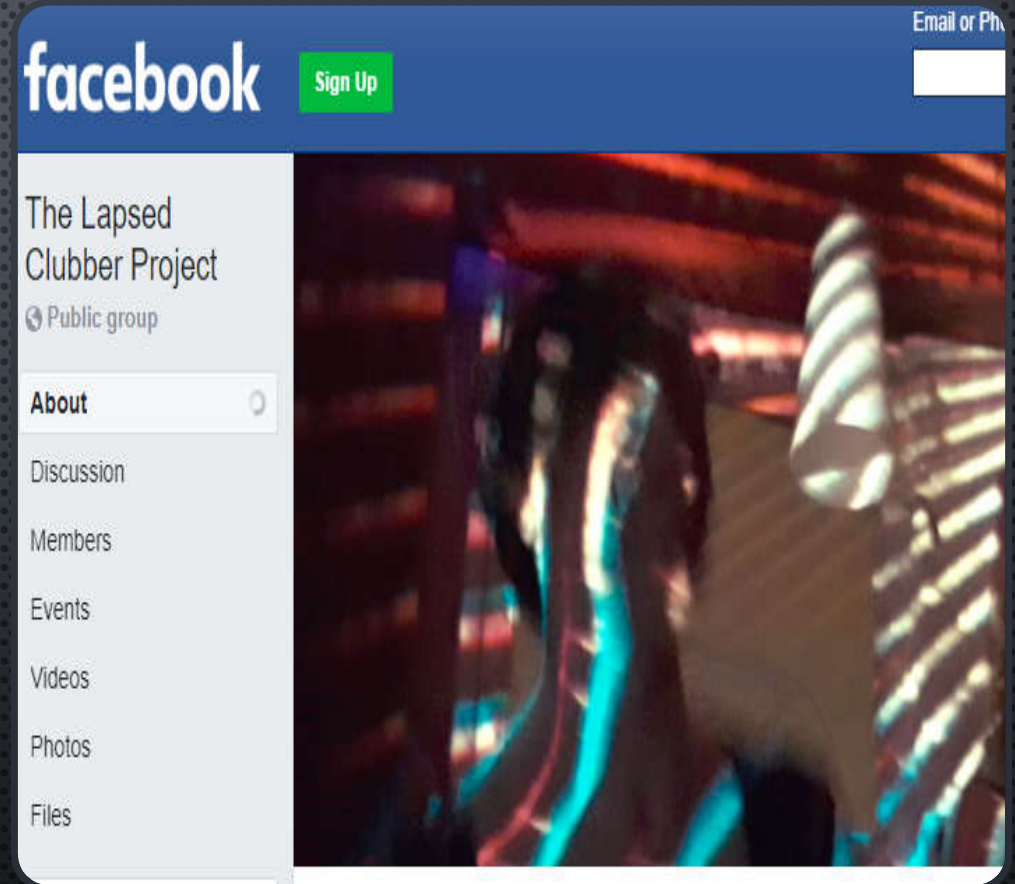
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**It's groovy and cool-it's our Acid House T-shirt!**

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**£5.50**



## RESEARCH DESIGN

- **ONLINE SURVEY — COLLECTED DATA ABOUT CLUBBING, DRUG TAKING AND TRANSITIONS TO ADULthood**
- **ADMINISTERED VIA THE LAPSED CLUBBER FACEBOOK GROUP**
- **CONVENIENCE/SELF-SELECTING SAMPLE**







## THE SAMPLE

- **N=275**
- **GENDER EVENLY BALANCED**
- **AGE RANGE: 35-61; MEAN 44.31**
- **HALF ARE EDUCATED TO HIGHER EDUCATION LEVEL**
- **MAJORITY (93%) EMPLOYED**
- **TWO-THIRDS ARE MARRIED/IN A LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP; A FIFTH ARE SINGLE**
- **JUST UNDER TWO-THIRDS ARE PARENTS**



- **ONE-THIRD ARE LAPSED CLUBBERS**
- **TWO-THIRDS ARE CURRENT CLUBBERS**



# PREVALENCE OF DRUG TAKING, PATTERNS AND FREQUENCY

- **RAVING/CLUBBING AND DRUG TAKING GO HAND-IN-HAND**
  - MAJORITY (**96%**) DRUG TAKERS WHEN RAVING/CLUBBING BETWEEN 1985-95
  - 2016: **61%** CURRENT DRUG TAKERS; **73%** OF CURRENT CLUBBERS WERE CURRENT DRUG TAKERS COMPARED TO **42%** OF LAPSED CLUBBERS
- **PATTERNS OF DRUG TAKING CHANGED OVER TIME**
  - 1985-95: MDMA/ECSTASY, AMPHETAMINES, CANNABIS, LSD AND AMYL NITRATE
  - 2016: COCAINE, MDMA/ECSTASY, CANNABIS, MAGIC MUSHROOMS AND AMPHETAMINES
- **FREQUENCY OF DRUG TAKING 2016**
  - A FIFTH TOOK DRUGS ONCE PER MONTH OR MORE
  - MOST COMMON FREQUENCY WAS 2-6 TIMES PER YEAR
  - TWICE AS MANY CURRENT CLUBBERS (**38%**) TAKE DRUGS 2-6 TIMES PER YEAR OR AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH (**23%**) COMPARED TO LAPSED CLUBBERS (**15% & 15% RESPECTIVELY**)



# CHANGES IN THE FREQUENCY OF RAVING/CLUBBING

- **1985-1995**
  - **95%** WENT TO RAVES/NIGHTCLUBS WEEKLY OR FORTNIGHTLY
  - **55%** DID SO TWICE PER WEEK OR SEVERAL DAYS IN A ROW EVERY WEEK
  - CURRENT CLUBBERS (**29%**) WERE MORE LIKELY TO DO SO FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN A ROW COMPARED TO LAPSED CLUBBERS (**19%**)
- **2016**
  - A **THIRD** ARE LAPSED CLUBBERS, **TWO-THIRDS** ARE CURRENT CLUBBERS
  - CURRENT CLUBBERS TYPICALLY ATTEND POST-RAVE DANCE EVENTS **1-6 TIMES** PER YEAR, **9% ONCE PER MONTH**
  - MEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO ATTEND NIGHTCLUBS MORE FREQUENTLY THAN WOMEN



# THE IMPACT OF TRANSITIONS TO ADULthood UPON CLUBBING STATUS

- **EDUCATION**

- IN **1995 30%** HAD COMPLETED HIGHER EDUCATION, BY **2016 48%**
- VERY SMALL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CURRENT AND LAPSED CLUBBERS

- **EMPLOYMENT**

- LITTLE DIFFERENCES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS
- HOWEVER, CURRENT CLUBBERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE SELF EMPLOYED



# THE IMPACT OF TRANSITIONS TO ADULthood UPON CLUBBING STATUS

- **INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS**

- LAPSED CLUBBERS (**71%**) ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE MARRIED OR IN A LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP THAN CURRENT CLUBBERS (**65%**)
- ALMOST TWICE AS MANY CURRENT CLUBBERS (**6%**) ARE DIVORCED COMPARED TO LAPSED CLUBBERS (**3%**)
- HOWEVER, MALE CURRENT CLUBBERS(**75%**) ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE IN A RELATIONSHIP THAN FEMALES (**56%**)



# THE IMPACT OF TRANSITIONS TO ADULthood UPON CLUBBING STATUS

- **PARENTHOOD**

- LAPSED CLUBBERS (**73%**) ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE PARENTS THAN CURRENT CLUBBERS (**59%**)
- LAPSED CLUBBERS WHO ARE PARENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE FEMALE (**79%**) THAN MALE (**67%**)
- FEMALE AND MALE CURRENT CLUBBERS ARE EQUALLY LIKELY TO BE PARENTS
- **BUT** TWICE AS MANY CURRENT CLUBBERS WHO ARE NOT PARENTS (**21%**) ATTENDED NIGHTCLUBS MONTHLY COMPARED TO THOSE WHO ARE PARENTS (**8%**)



# SUMMARY

- THE ORIGINAL RAVERS STILL GO TO POST-RAVE DANCE EVENTS
- RAVE AND DANCE CULTURE IS STRONGLY ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG TAKING
- YET RAVING/CLUBBING HAS NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACTED UPON OUR SAMPLE'S TRANSITIONS TO ADULthood
- DESISTANCE: PARTLY DETERMINED BY AGE; PARENTHOOD AND COMMITTED RELATIONSHIPS
- PERSISTENCE: LINKED TO FREQUENCY OF PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ORIGINAL RAVE SCENE AND NOT BEING A PARENT OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP, AS WELL AS SELF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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*Why shouldn't  
I be able to take  
MDMA while  
listening to  
house music  
when I'm 85?*

