

Investigation into the Persistence of 'The Underground' in Dance Music Scenes

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You are invited to participate in a research project!

We are looking for adult participants (at least 18 years of age) interested in helping us with our research. Before you decide whether to participate it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask us if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand. We would like to stress that you do not have to accept this invitation and should only agree to take part if you want to.

What is the purpose of the research?

The purpose of the research is to understand more about 'underground' dance music scenes, and what people mean when they use the term 'underground' and 'scene' in relation to dance music events and venue spaces. The research is focusing on the period in Liverpool since the Capital of Culture year of 2008 as a case study. Most of the research will be conducted in Liverpool although some comparative analysis involving people from other cities' dance music scenes (e.g. Berlin or Manchester) will form part of the study. The 2020 global pandemic has had a huge, potentially catastrophic impact on night-time economies and so this research will be also be examining the effects of COVID-19.

The findings of this research project will hopefully be of use to club owners, promoters and DJs, as they rebuild. It is also anticipated that it will be of use to city planners, culture institutions and music boards: shedding light on dance music's influence on urban regeneration and cultural participation.

Why am I invited to take part?

You have indicated that you are a participant at dance music events, as a clubber or a dancer.

The research is going to ask questions about how you went clubbing before the pandemic, your attitudes towards certain types of clubs and venues, what you think about 'the underground', and also a bit about how dance music events might be impacted in the future, after coronavirus. How do people like yourself, who attend dance music events, anticipate scenes re-emerging and adapting to the challenges from the pandemic. The questionnaire hopes to capture a snapshot of how people in dance music scenes felt about the coronavirus shut down.

Do I have to take part?

Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you are free to withdraw your participation at any time, without explanation, and without incurring a disadvantage.

What will happen if I take part?

The research involves the answering of questions in an anonymous online questionnaire. The material collected will be used to draw an understanding of 'underground' dance music scenes.

How will my data be used?

The University processes personal data as part of its research and teaching activities in accordance with the lawful basis of 'public task', and in accordance with the University's purpose of "advancing education, learning and research for the public benefit". Under UK data protection legislation, the University acts as the Data Controller for personal data collected as part of the University's research. The Principal Investigator (Dr Marion Leonard) acts as the Data Processor for this study. Any queries relating to the handling of your personal data can be sent to her (contact details at the end of this document).

How will my data be collected?	The data will be collected through an anonymous online questionnaire.
How will my data be stored?	All data collected as part of this study will be stored securely on JISC Online Surveys (www.onlinesurveys.ac.uk) and University of Liverpool servers.

How long will my data be stored for?	In line with ethical and governance requirements, this will be kept for a maximum of 10 years following the end of the project, after which it will be destroyed. The research data that we produce may be made openly available to the wider academic community in accordance with the University of Liverpool Research Data Management Policy.
What measures are in place to protect the security and confidentiality of my data?	The anonymised data will be stored on password protected, secured servers at on JISC Online Surveys and the University of Liverpool and will be only accessible by the research team. Your data will be non-identifiable.
Will my data be anonymised?	Your data is anonymous at source. We are not asking you for any identifiable information, nor storing identifiable data such as IP addresses. In some cases, quotations from survey data may be used in published research findings to highlight a key point or perspective, however on such occasions these will not identify you, nor allude to any institutions you might be associated with.
How will my data be used?	The results of the study will be submitted as part of a PhD thesis. The findings from this research will also be submitted for publication in academic journals and/or conferences. You will not be identifiable in any publications associated with this study
Who will have access to my data?	Your information will be anonymous and thus non-identifiable with only the research team having access to your responses and details. Fully anonymised data may also be archived for future use (see below).
Will my data be archived for use in other research projects in the future?	Consistent with open science practices, anonymised data may be made available as part of peer reviewed publications, or deposited on an online repository, or may be made available upon request to the authors.
How will my data be destroyed?	In line with ethical and governance requirements, the collected data will be permanently deleted from the secure university server along with any data analysis after 10 years following completion of the project.

Are there any benefits or risks in taking part?

There are no expected risks or disadvantages involved in participation in this research. However, should you experience any problems such related to the research please make these known to the primary researcher. There are no anticipated benefits to participant.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results of the study will be analysed, and its findings will form the basis of a PhD thesis at the University of Liverpool. The research finding may subsequently contribute towards academic publications or conference papers.

What will happen if I want to stop taking part?

You may withdraw your participation in the research, without explanation, by exiting the survey at any stage simply by clicking the CLOSE 'x' button in the browser tab and all your responses will be automatically deleted. By clicking the 'Finish' button at the end of the survey you are submitting your responses. These will be anonymous, and the researchers will not be able to individually identify anonymised contributions.

What if I am unhappy or if there is a problem?

If you are unhappy, or if there is a problem, please feel free to let us know by contacting Dr Marion Leonard marionl@liverpool.ac.uk and we will try to help. If you remain unhappy or have a complaint which you feel you cannot come to us with then you should contact the Research Ethics and Integrity Office at ethics@liv.ac.uk. When contacting the Research Ethics and Integrity Office, please provide details of the name or description of the study (so that it can be identified), the researcher(s) involved, and the details of the complaint you wish to make.

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