



## **Newsletter Summer 2016**

### **New research project: The role of substance use in framing the festival experience**

Music-centred festivals have become significantly more popular during the last two decades, and now represent an important part of the social lifeworlds of many people. This exploratory qualitative project seeks to explore the nuanced, multi-dimensional relationships that festival-goers report with respect to the way in which substance use contributes to framing the experience. Drawing on data generated via 10 in-depth, semi-structured interviews – conducted in two waves across 2015/16 – the research explores a range of inter-connected themes, which include: the music – substance use nexus; the manner in which shared values shape participants' perceptions of festival attendance/participation, and the extent to which the festival experience is considered by participants to generate positive aftermaths, either personally or professionally

The research will be conducted by Anthony Thickett (Middlesex University/DARC) and Elisabeth Stensland (Independent Researcher/Middlesex BA International Tourism Management graduate). The research team intend to have the project written up and submitted for publication by the beginning of 2017.

### **Two papers in a special focus issue of *Drugs: education and policy***

A Special focus issue of *Drugs: education prevention and policy* on alcohol IBA in non-health care settings includes two papers arising from the DARC research, led by Betsy Thom, on implementing alcohol IBA in non-health care settings. The study was funded by Alcohol Research UK. The papers are available on line and will be print late 2016/early 2017.

The Special focus papers are:

- Editorial: Heather N. (2016) Spreading alcohol brief interventions from health care to non-health care settings: Is it justified? *Drugs: education, prevention and policy*, open access
- Herring R., Thom B. and Bayley M. (2016) Delivering alcohol Identification and Brief Advice (IBA) in housing settings: a step too far or opening doors? *Drugs: education, prevention and policy* (open access publication), DOI: 10.1080/09687637.2016.117699, available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09687637.2016.1176992>
- Thom B., Herring R. and Bayley M. (2016) The role of training in IBA implementation beyond

primary care settings in the UK *Drugs: education, prevention and policy* (open access publication)

DOI: 10.1080/09687637.2016.1195792, available at

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09687637.2016.1195792>

- Sondhi A, Birch J, Lynch K, Holloway A, Newbury-Birch D. (2016) Exploration of delivering brief interventions in a prison setting: A qualitative study in one English region *Drugs: education, prevention and policy*, Published early online: DOI:10.1080/09687637.2016.1183588 available at, <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09687637.2016.1183588>