



## Research Project into Lap Dancing

### Who we are:

Dr Teela Sanders, Reader in Sociology at School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds has been awarded a grant from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) to carry out a 12 month study on lap dancing and the night time economy. The ESRC is the largest independent social science funding council in the UK and the project builds on ten years of experience researching the adult entertainment industry. Dr Sanders will be working with Kate Hardy who has been appointed as a research officer on the project.

### Aims of the Project:

1. To explore the role of lap dancing in the night time economy.
2. To explore dancers' and managers' experiences.
3. To explore the new law and industry attitudes to this.

### Methods:

- In-depth interviews with dancers, club managers and officials involved in licensing.
- An extensive survey with 300 dancers.

### Confidentiality:

- All information will be anonymised and confidential, no participants will be identifiable in the research.
- The project is **not** designed to make moral or political judgements.
- The project is **not** linked to government agencies or political campaigns.

### Expected Outcomes:

- To gain perspectives and opinions from those who work in the industry.
- To generate knowledge grounded in the experiences of those working in the industry to order to inform policy directed at the industry.

### We need your support and input:

In order to make this project successful, we are looking for the ideas and input of club managers. Your input will be extremely useful in helping guide the direction of the project and for producing useful and 'real' knowledge that can help to inform effective policy making which is in touch with the realities of the industry.

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