

BSA Sociology of Alcohol Study Group Annual Report (2023/2024)

Name: Sociology of Alcohol Study Group

Established: July 2011

Number of members: We currently have 80 people registered with the Jiscmail list, 9 of these are BSA Members.

Subscribers	80
BSA members	9
Non- members	71

Income: On the 1st January 2024 we started with a study group account balance of £1,666.92. On the 31st December 2024, the account balance for the Alcohol study group was £891.87.

Key aims of the Sociology of Alcohol Study Group include:

- To support and promote the emergent subject field of sociology of alcohol and related fields
- To support researchers in the sociology of alcohol and related fields
- To support the aims of the BSA

Review of the year:

- We regularly maintain the study group Twitter / X account which has over 1,400 followers. This helps to maintain the profile of the study group, and links with other BSA study groups.
- We also have an active Jiscmail list and circulate relevant messages when received.
- On 10th July 2024 convenor Claire Markham organised and led an in-person all day event on the topic of 'Drinking spaces: Past, Present and Future' at Rock Brewery Canal House, Nottingham. The event was in collaboration with the Drinking Studies Network 'drinking spaces' cluster.

The event included a keynote presentation from Dr James Kneale, University College London, and ten oral presentations from established academic researchers, early career researchers and people working in roles relevant to study group outside of academia. These presenters included: Alexa Ridgeway, Megan Bennett, Paul Wilson, Victoria Wells, Thomas Thurnell-Read, Robert Deakin, Claire Markham, Emily Nicholls and Lisa Riemer.

The event was attended by almost 30 delegates from across the UK and was a lively and motivating event. It was great to get together in-person after the two events we ran online during and immediately following the period of the COVID-19 restrictions.

- Following this event in July 2024 Claire Markham stepped down from her role as convenor to dedicate her time to other work and projects. We are now in the process of advertising for another convenor to take on this role.
- The convenors have published the following work in the field of alcohol and sociology during this year:

Salonen, D.; O'Donnell, A.; **Jackson, K.**; Hulse, S.; Crosbie, J.; Swiers, R.; Tasker, F.; Muldowney, G.; Pickford, A.; Christie-de Jong, F. Holland EJ. (2025) Building Connections and Striving to Build Better Futures: A Qualitative Interview Study of Alcohol Recovery Navigators' Practice in the North East of England, UK. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 2025, 22, 111. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph22010111>

Jackson K, Holland EJ, Titchener, E and O'Donnell, A. (2025) 'Tinkering with care' in public involvement and community engagement with people with experience of problematic alcohol and / or drug use.' in McGovern, W., Bareham, B., Alderson, H. and Lhussier, M. (eds.) *Public Involvement and Community Engagement in Applied Health and Social Care Research: Critical Perspectives and Innovative Practice*. Emerald Publishing Group (in press)

Wilkinson, S. and Fenton, L. (2025). Mother's Ruin? The Relational Alcohol Consumption Practices and Experiences of Mothers and their Teenage and Young Adult Children. *Children's Geographies*.

Wilkinson, S. and Wilkinson, C. (2025). Intergenerational Drinking Histories, Times and Geographies. In Howland, P. (Ed.) 'It's five o'clock somewhere': Time and Beverage. Routledge.

Wilkinson, S. and Wilkinson, C. (2025) Researching with young people into alcohol, drinking and drunkenness. *Handbook of Sensitive Research in the Social Sciences*. Edward Elgar Publishing. pp.403–417. Invited contribution

Concluding remarks:

An ambition of the current convenors is to make the group as accessible as possible to early career researchers, people with lived experience of heavy alcohol use and people working outside academia. Our 2024 event fulfilled this aim. Feedback suggested the event was inclusive and supportive of early career researchers and people working outside academia. We are currently in period of transition while we look for new convenors. However, we remain outward facing where possible through our social media accounts, our JiscMail and our links and collaborations with other national and international groups.

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