LEAVING HOME

Both my parents left their family homes when they were 16 years old. At the time in the 1960s I think it was quite easy to become independent at that age. There were enough jobs around and also the cost of living was affordable.

My generation, it’s maybe slightly different. What often happens now is that kids can no longer afford to live by themselves; kids these days are being asked to …. or young adults these days are being asked to study more and more, to gain more and more qualifications; obviously while studying you just can’t work fulltime so it’s difficult to earn enough money to be independent.

That’s certainly been the case for me: I left home when I was 18 and I lived out of home for a number of years … about 7 or 8 years …but then when I couldn’t find work and when I had to do more study, it became impossible for me to live alone so I had to move back in with my parents.

Moving back home for people when they’re in their twenties is a really difficult, tough experience because they’re adults but when you move back home you’re made to feel like a kid again. I don’t think this is especially helpful or healthy for your development as a person.

Me for example when I had to move back home with my parents it really had a negative effect on my personal relationships; especially a girl that I was seeing; it was impossible for us to continue our relationship whilst I was living with my parents.

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