

Gig Buddies  
Lothians

New Year  
Newsletter  
2019



# Update from Sam

Hi everyone!

First of all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2018 was an amazing year for Gig Buddies, in 2019 we will be holding more events than ever before, staying up later than before, and giving more control of the project over to you, our members.

This is a quick update about what we're running in the first few months of 2019, and how you can get more involved than ever.

Sam



## 2018 IN NUMBERS

We've been busy this year! We've hosted more events than ever, we've paired more of our members to our amazing volunteers, and Gig Buddies continues to build relationships with amazing venues and organisations. Here's a quick overview of our year in 2018.

We held an amazing total of

**40** EVENTS

How many did you come to?

Including 11 of our monthly

'mEAT UP' Events



**130**  
'mEAT UP'  
attendees!

Built relationships

with these

**3** amazing  
venues!

St Cecilia's Hall  
CONCERT ROOM & MUSIC MUSEUM

the  
elbe room



**2<sup>nd</sup>** REAL GIGS IN  
REAL VENUES!

INDEPENDENT  
VENUE WEEK

**1** amazing interview with...  
**LOST VOICE GUY**



**747**  
LIKES

A highlight from our biggest

**fringe**  
Defying the odds since 1967

...until next year

**2,234** VIEWS

**54** MEMBERS

**21** PAIRINGS

We hosted **5**  
'Real Gigs in Real Venues'  
Events

Our **2<sup>nd</sup>** year working with  
Independent Venue Week

Stay tuned for our **2019**  
Independent Venue Week  
Events programme



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# We want to hear from you!

## Members Meetings

We want our members to control 2019. What events do you want to run? Where else should 'mEAT UP' take place? Do you have any fundraising ideas? We want to hear your thoughts on how Gig Buddies can develop over the next year. So come along to a members meeting and have your say!

West Lothian  
Tuesday 22nd January  
12pm - 1:30pm

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Grand Central  
Carmondean Road  
Livingston  
EH54 8PT

We now run 2 monthly events in West Lothian, 'mEAT UP' and our community cinema night. We want to find out how we can improve these and what else our West Lothian members want from Gig Buddies in 2019.

We will also be joined by some freinds from Get2Gether and will be asking members to help us plan a club night we are working on for March 8th!

Edinburgh & Midlothian  
Saturday 16th February  
12pm - 1:30pm

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UPMO  
St Margaret's House  
London Road  
Edinburgh  
EH7 6AE

We've got lots of plans to develop more relationships with more local music venues across 2019. We want to know what kind of events you want us to run and how we can get more people along to them!

We also want to start 'mEAT UP' in Edinburgh and need your help to make it a great event from the very beginning.

# UPMO Campus Launch

We're delighted that one of our first socials of 2019, will be celebrating with our long time collaborators, UPMO!

Join us on Thursday 24th January to celebrate the launch of UPMO's new campus, with live music from The UPMO Experience, and The Wild Ponies

Tickets are FREE and available using the link in the poster!

LIVE MUSIC EVENT TO LAUNCH UPMO'S NEW CAMPUS

THE  
**UPMO**  
EXPERIENCE

supported by


*Wild Ponies*

on their UK / European Tour from Memphis Tennessee


24 JANUARY 2019  
FREE ENTRY

6.30 - 9.30 PM  
BOOKING THROUGH  
EVENTBRITE AT:  
<https://bit.ly/2PTA5b8>

EDINBURGH PALETTE  
3RD FLOOR  
ST MARGARET'S HOUSE  
151 LONDON ROAD









Once again we're thrilled to be working along side Independent Venue Week as an Official Charity Partner. In previous years we have worked with them to host an accessibility awareness gig, this year we're doing something slightly different. We will be running multiple socials throughout Independent Venue Week and encouraging our members to come along and discover their local music venue!

More details will be released soon!



For more information on Independent Venue Week head over to [www.independentvenueweek.com](http://www.independentvenueweek.com)

Celebrating the spirit of independence & The culture of live music!

For more information about any of our events get in touch with Sam!



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# February 'mEAT UP' Events

Get Out. Grab Food. Make Friends.

## mEAT UP.



*"A very relaxed group of guys. 'mEAT UP' would make a great night out for a lot of my friends."*

### West Lothian

Tuesday 12th Feb  
6pm-7:30pm

The Newyearfield  
The Centre  
Livingston

### Midlothian

Monday 18th Feb  
6pm-7:30pm

Blacksmiths Forge  
Dalkieth

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## A pause to our monthly events in January

We've now been running monthly events in West Lothian and Midlothian for a while. 'mEAT UP' is an event that's received an incredible response in both areas and we are keen to expand into central Edinburgh.

Our West Lothian Community Cinema night is growing and for our Christmas event we were delighted to welcome 19 people!

We're taking a break from these events in January while we schedule the dates for the rest of the year.

# February Community Cinema

Gig Buddies Scotland and Autism Initiatives  
Presents...  
West Lothian Community Cinema

Our Community Cinema events with Autism Initiatives Scotland will return in 2019! We will be starting them up again in February, be we want to hear from you! We want to know what films you want to watch over the next year.

To let us know your suggestions, come along to our West Lothian members meeting or get in touch with Sam on phone, email, or via the 'Gig Buddies Scotland' Facebook page.



## Drinks @ The Jazz Bar

Our socials at The Jazz Bar in Edinburgh have always been popular, so this year we will be bringing you more of them!

Come along, grab a drink, and join us for great music in great company.

Unfortunately the venue is not wheelchair accessible.

Saturday 23rd February  
2pm-5pm

The Jazz Bar  
Chambers Street  
Edinburgh

FREE Entry

**thejazzbar**

For more information about any of our events get in touch with Sam!



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# Social Calendar January - February

Below is a calendar of all of the events that we have announced so far for 2019. More events will be announced in the coming weeks so be sure to keep an eye out on our facebook page or your emails for those!

The dates, time, or locations for any of these events may change. All changes will be emailed to members and posted on our Facebook page.

<p>Tuesday 22nd January</p> <p>12-1:30pm</p> <p>West Lothian Members Meeting</p> 	<p>Thursday 24th January</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm</p> <p>UPMO Campus Launch Gig</p> 	<p>Monday 28th January</p> <p>Sunday 3rd February</p> <p>Independent Venue Week Events</p> 	<p>Tuesday 12th February</p> <p>6-7:30pm</p> <p>West Lothian mEAT UP</p> 
<p>Saturday 16th February</p> <p>12-1:30pm</p> <p>Edinburgh Members Meeting</p> 	<p>Monday 18th February</p> <p>6-7:30pm</p> <p>Midlothian mEAT UP</p> 	<p>Saturday 23rd February</p> <p>2-5pm</p> <p>Edinburgh Jazz Bar</p> 	<p>Late February</p> <p>West Lothian Community Cinema</p> 

For more information about any of our events get in touch with Sam!



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# Become an ambassador in 2019!

Over the past few months Gig Buddies member Richard has been working with Sam to create a voluntary role for our members.

Early in 2019 you will have the opportunity to become a Gig Buddies Ambassador. If you want to have a bigger role in the development of Gig Buddies, this could be for you!

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO BECOME GIG BUDDIES AMBASSADORS



- Interview Volunteers
- Promote Gig Buddies
- Boost Confidence
- Get Training
- Talk at Events



Volunteer for Gig Buddies and help spread the word!

Limited spaces available

Talk to Sam to find out more.



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