



GIG BUDDIES

PARTNER VENUE GUIDE



**'Let's get together
and feel alright.'**

How fking great is Gig Buddies with Thera' - Tim Minchin**

Thanks for showing an interest in becoming a partner venue, or organisation, for Gig Buddies with Thera Trust.

Gig Buddies is a project that enables adults with a learning disability to access more gigs and live events. We're a group of 'sound people' who love getting out, enjoying our passions, and staying up late.

We pair our members with like minded volunteers to get out once a month and enjoy their shared interests. But we also love getting out as a group and discovering new things. This could be anything from an unknown band in a grassroots indie venue, to a national orchestra at the worlds biggest arts festival. What ever it is, we love it live!

For a range of reasons, many adults with a learning disability aren't currently able to get out in the evenings to the things they love. This is where we come in, and we'd love for you to join us in enabling people to stay up late!



**'Come together...
Right now.'**

70%

of adults with a learning disability say they would like to get out more in the evenings.

46%

said that they don't have anyone to go out with in the evenings.

39%

said that they are worried people might be rude or nasty to them.

8%

said that having venue staff that understood learning disabilities would help them get out.

We want to partner with as many venues as possible to enable you to feel comfortable and knowledgeable in welcoming people with a learning disability into your venue. This guide gives you all the information you need to get involved with Gig Buddies.



Samuel Maggs

Gig Buddies Project Manager for Thera Trust



'I can tell that we are gonna be friends.'

Our Current Partners



Head over to our facebook page or website to see how we work with our current partners.



What We Can Do For You

- ✖ Give our advice and help you adapt and improve your access information that might currently be displayed on your website or social media pages. (Someone with a learning disability may also be physically disabled, but this isn't the case for many people. The advice we can give is specifically around welcoming people with a learning disability to your venue, though this could help a range of people.)
- ✖ Work with you to promote your venue to the local social care community as a welcoming space for people with a learning disability.
- ✖ Along with our team of project ambassadors, produce a 'How to access..' video for your venue. (At cost, or in-kind donation.)
- ✖ Deliver Learning Disability Awareness Training to your staff. (At cost.)



What We ASK From You

- ✂ We're always looking for more Gig Buddies volunteers and gig lovers are our target audience. It would be a huge help to us if you could display our volunteer flyers in your venue, or if we could come along occasionally and hand them out after events. We would also really appreciate having our logo displayed on your website.
- ✂ Do you have a venue member card, or similar scheme? We'd love our members to be involved!
- ✂ We run loads of group socials every year, and love introducing our members to new events and venues. Would you be able to provide us with a number of tickets to an event a few times a year so that we can introduce members to your venue?



Helping to fund Gig Buddies

If you really love the work we do, and want to financially support it's continuation, there are a number of ways that you can get involved!

- ✱ Collect for Gig Buddies at your venue. We would love to be your venue's official parter charity, and will more than happilty supply your venue with branded donation tins for collections after shows, or at the bar.
- ✱ Have a box of pins on your bar! We can supply you with a box of Gig Buddies pin badges and a donation tin. Or sponsor a 'tap to donate' station in your venue.
- ✱ Would you consider adding 50p to the ticket price for certain events, that can go towards the project?
A little can go a long way.
- ✱ If you're in the position to make a larger donation, we'd love to talk more about how you can join our consortium of funders.

**'Why dont you leave your
name and your number,
and I'll get back to you.'**

Check us out on social media, or get in touch with your local
Gig Buddies contact. We'd love to hear from you!



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