

Gig Buddies team up with rock band IDLES to increase access to live events for people with a learning disability



IDLES are holding an online gig to raise money for **Gig Buddies**.



Gig Buddies is a project that matches adults with a learning disability or autism with a volunteer who likes the same music and other hobbies.



When Gig Buddies have been matched they go to gigs and other events together. This can include the theatre, musicals, museums, sports matches – whatever the Gig Buddies want to do together.



IDLES are a rock band from Bristol and Newport. They play a style of music called ‘post-punk’. Their new album, *Ultra Mono*, went to number 1 in the UK charts.

What is happening?



The online gig is being organised by **Adam Devonshire** – who plays bass in IDLES. Adam is also known by his nickname ‘**Dev**’.



There will be an online gig with music and comedy. Tickets are £5 – but you can pay what you want.



There will be music from: **Mclusky, Willie J Healey, TV Priest, Fenne Lily, Dogeyed, and Wilderman.**



There will be comedy from: **Stewart Lee, Seann Walsh, and Josh Weller.**



There will be a raffle. Raffle tickets are £5. In the raffle you could win prizes from major bands and singers, like: The National, Sharon Van Etten and Mogwai.

There is also a guitar that will be signed by all the acts playing the gig.



Money that is raised from the gig and the raffle will go to Gig Buddies Cymru. And also help to start a Gig Buddies project in Bristol.



Money that is raised from selling the t-shirt will go to all Gig Buddy projects. There are 11 projects in the UK – and 1 in Sydney, Australia.

Why is this happening?



Dev wants to help Gig Buddies so they can make more Gig Buddy friendships.

Dev said:

“I have seen the wonderful work that Gig Buddies do. It has been an honour for me to be working with them. Live music and events give us so much happiness and everyone deserves to have that joy in their lives!”



When is the gig happening?

The gig is taking place on **Sunday 20 June** – from **6pm to 11pm**. It is being **live-streamed** from Exchange, a venue in Bristol.



Live-streamed means an event that is shown live over the internet.



You can buy a ticket at Exchange's website:
<http://hdfst.uk/E64312>

The suggested price is £5 – but you can pay what you want.



When you have bought a ticket you will be emailed a link for the live-stream. Keep this link safe.



On the night of the gig click on the link and it will take you to a private YouTube video where you can watch the gig.

How do I buy a raffle ticket?



You can buy a raffle ticket at Exchange's website:
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You can buy a raffle ticket when you buy your ticket for the online gig.

Or you can just buy a raffle ticket.



You can see all the raffle prizes at Exchange's website: <http://hdfst.uk/E64312>

An easy read guide to the raffle prizes will be added to the website soon.



How do I find out more about Gig Buddies?



To find out if there is a Gig Buddy project in your area visit: www.stayuplate.org.uk/gigbuddies.
Or phone Stay Up Late: 020 3920 8471.



If you are in Wales you can speak to Gig Buddies Cymru. Visit: www.ffrindiaugigiau.org.uk.
Or phone 029 2068 1160.