

ANNUAL REVIEW 2024

STAY UP
LATE



1. HIGHLIGHTS

- 43 new matches – a total of 131 pairs in Sussex
- 57 people partied with us at 4 summer events
- + 200 buddies came to 18 socials over the year
- We spoke at 9 conferences and were on the radio 5 times
- We changed all our Gig Buddies project logos
- We ran a 'No Bedtimes' Survey to see what people liked about our campaign work!

**"IT JUST FEELS
LIKE SPENDING
TIME WITH A
FRIEND –
VOLUNTEER"**

2. GIG BUDDIES GLOBAL

- 2 new projects in Berlin & Cumbria
- A total of 22 Gig Buddies projects around the world!



3. MARK & JOHN'S STORY

Mark and John have been Gig Buddies for just over a year. John said at the start Mark expressed concerns about going to gigs as he was nervous that people may laugh at him and exclude him for being somewhere he shouldn't be. These days Mark is the first person at a gig to speak to the band, promoter and other gig goers. Mark is very well known in the local music scene and often gets stopped in the street by local gig-goers for a chat and a hello!

**GIG
BUDDIES**

**"STAY UP LATE IS ALL
ABOUT PUSHING
YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR
COMFORT ZONE AND
FEELING SAFE TO DO SO"**



4. NUMBERS

- 95% saw their buddy as a friend
- 90% of people said Gig Buddies helped them meet more people (compared to 73% in 2023)
- 100% of volunteers say being a buddy has enriched their life!