

What people have said about why they would like a travel buddy:



"I don't want to go on the mini bus anymore... I want to walk... I've been on the mini bus since I was at school"

"I'd really like to go and see my friend but I can't get there"

"I like using the bus, but I'd be scared on my own"

"I just need practice... then I'll be able to do it on my own"

"I want someone who will help me feel safe"

"I want someone who will walk slowly with me"

How to contact us:

Call Sarah, Nicola or Toby on



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or write to



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The Travel Buddy Scheme needs to find more funding.

So if you want to support it or donate, please contact Sarah.

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Travel Buddy Scheme



Supporting people with learning disabilities in and around Brighton and Hove



Information

Supported by Journey On- Streets for People Community Fund- Brighton and Hove City Council.



The Grace Eyre Foundation

The Grace Eyre Foundation is a Charity based in Hove. It provides day opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

The Travel Buddy Scheme and the Employment Service



The travel buddy scheme is about supporting people with learning disabilities to travel on public transport with the support of a 'Buddy'.

The Travel Buddy is a volunteer who enables a Trainee to learn all the skills that are

essential to use public transport and travel independently in a safe manner with the right support.

The "trainee" is shadowed by a "buddy" on a series of journeys and supports them in learning how to travel safely and confidently. Some Trainees go to work and might need a bit of support while being there.

What are we looking for?

- Do you use the bus on your own?
- Can you walk safely?
- Do you have 1 or 2 hrs once or twice a week?

If the answer is **YES** then we would like to speak to you about becoming a

Travel Buddy

You will be helping people to learn the skills to go out and about on their own.

You could help someone:

- ✓ Go to or from the Day Centre
- ✓ Go to work
- ✓ Go to a club and socialize
- ✓ Go to college



How does this work?

The travel buddy will be expected to:

- Provide a regular commitment
- Provide 2 references and undertake a Criminal Records Check

What the Travel Buddy Scheme will offer its volunteers:

- A comprehensive introduction to the Scheme
- Provide Training
- Match you with a Trainee
- Ongoing help and advice
- Provide travel costs and help with other expenses
- A rewarding experience of working with adults with learning disabilities.

