

# WHIZZ KIDZ

We're here  
for young  
wheelchair  
users

## Community Change Fund

Supporting Adults Guide



# Introduction



Thank you for your interest in our Community Change Fund Projects. With the support of The Kentown Wizard Foundation, we are giving ten young wheelchair users the opportunity to receive a grant of up to £1000 towards a community project. These projects are reviewed and awarded by our Kidz Board – a group of young wheelchair users who represented Whizz Kidz.

This guide is for children and young people who want to create an amazing project. Whizz Kidz's strategic priorities are to make young wheelchair users mobile, enabled and included. Community Change Projects can support our priorities whilst giving you the opportunity to engage in your wider community and get new experiences. We believe young people can make big changes through these projects and we look forward to seeing your ideas and the end results.

Sarah, Chief Executive, Whizz Kidz



# What is the fund?



If you have young wheelchair users aged 8 to 25 in your community group or school, and they have an idea that could create change in their community, we want to hear from them and you! We are looking for young people to apply to our fund for up to £1,000 to put their ideas into action.

We will be awarding ten grants this year. Each grant should be used to make change, solve a problem, or improve something. This could include:

- Creating information for a local community about how they could help wheelchair users
- Improving disability awareness within your school or community setting
- Encouraging equal access to sports in your community centre



# There are lots of benefits:



There are benefits for young people and your school or community group in applying for this fund. You could:

- Raise awareness of the challenges faced by wheelchair users in their community
- Young people will learn new skills that helps raise confidence and independence
- It can help young people make friends
- Children and young people can be a positive role model for others
- Improve communication skills
- Find out how a small project can make a huge difference



# Funding Criteria



The projects we fund must fit a few specific criteria:

- Wheelchair users must lead or be involved in the project
- There must be at least two children / young people in the project team
- You must be an organisation such as a school, community group, Scouts, Guides or sports team to support their application and sponsor the project.
- You must be able to evaluate and feedback on the project at the end



# Applying for the Fund



Once young people have decided on a project, they can apply for funding:

[The application form can be found here.](#)

If you need this in Word format, you can find this on our website.

If the supporting adult fills in the form, it is important that the young people have discussed all of the ideas first and answered the questions themselves. It is important to use the words of the young people when applying as much as possible.

Each project needs to be led by a young person / people and you should be involved in every step.



# Bringing the Project to Life



Before the project starts, supporting adults need to consider the following:

- Is a risk assessment needed?
- Do you need insurance/ are you covered on the group or school insurance already?
- Do you need any permits or licenses?
- Do your external content providers (if you use any) have appropriate documentation and insurances?



# Bringing the Project to Life



What the young people will need to do:

- Create a project plan – who, what, when why, how? List everything that needs doing
- Meet regularly to check however the project is going and the budget
- Think about how to promote the project and get their community engaged

If possible, a Kidz Member or a Whizz Kidz colleague will visit your project to see the impact firsthand. We have to tell our funders about the impact of the Community Change Fund so we may even use your project as a case study!





# Evaluation



Young people can choose how to evaluate the project and present feedback to Whizz Kidz. They may want to create posters, take photos, interview others, create a video or something else!

We will also send you a copy of our feedback form to complete. We want to hear from everyone involved about:

- How the project went?
- If there were any challenges?
- If they achieved what you set out to do?
- How successful they felt the project was?
- How would they rate being involved in Whizz Kidz Community Change Projects?



# When the project ends



At the end of the project, we will need the following information to be supplied to Whizz Kidz:

- A summary of the project.
- Copies of any resources you created.
- Any evaluation and the feedback form.
- The financial breakdown of spend, including copies of receipts/invoices

We may ask you to talk to future applicants or create a video for people applying next year. We want to share your amazing project with other people through our website, social media, and other promotional activities with your consent.



# How to contact Whizz Kidz



For general information on Whizz Kidz, please visit our website [www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk)

For project specific advice you can contact Mollie Bonnamy on 07483 331627 or [m.bonnamy@whizz-kidz.org.uk](mailto:m.bonnamy@whizz-kidz.org.uk)

If you have a list of questions about the project, how it may work and what you need to do, we can run an online workshop / Q&A session for your community group or school.



# Thank you

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