

WHIZZ KIDZ

We're here
for young
wheelchair
users

Community Change
Fund

Young Person's 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 get 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 are aged 8 to 25, and you have an idea that could create change for young wheelchair users in your community, we want to hear from you. We are looking for young people to apply to our fund for up to £1000 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 your local community about how they could help wheelchair users
- Improving disability awareness within your school
- Encouraging equal access to sports in your community centre



There are lots of benefits:



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

- Raise awareness of the challenges faced by wheelchair users in your community
- Learn a new skill that helps raise confidence and independence
- Help you or other young people make friends
- 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 have an organisation like your school, community group, Scouts, Guides or sports team to support your application and help if you need it.
- You must be able to evaluate and feedback on your project at the end



Applying for the Fund



Once you have decided on a project, you 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 with you / for you, it is important that you have discussed all of the ideas first and answered the questions yourselves. It is important to use your words when applying as much as possible so that we can see the real difference this project will make.

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



Bringing the Project to Life



There are a few things you will need to do before the project starts:

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



You can choose how to evaluate the project and present feedback to Whizz Kidz. You 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 you achieved what you set out to do?
- How successful you felt the project was?
- How would you 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

For project specific advice you can contact Mollie Bonnamy on 07483 331627 or 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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