



We're here
for young
wheelchair
users



Youth Board Members

What we do and how to apply





Join our Youth Board!

**Are you passionate about making change
for young wheelchair users?**

Are you a wheelchair user aged 16-23 from the UK?

Our Youth Board might be for you! We're looking for new members. You don't need any particular experience, so it's okay if this sounds quite different from anything you've done before. Read on to find out more and how to apply.



Who are Youth Board?

The **Whizz Kidz Youth Board** are a group of young wheelchair users aged 16-25, from across the UK.

We share our ideas and opinions to shape and steer Whizz Kidz on what is most important to young wheelchair users, making sure that our voices, and the voices of young people from our areas, are at the heart of every decision Whizz Kidz makes.

We're passionate about making a real difference for young wheelchair users.





You should have the opportunity to be heard and with the Youth Board that is possible. *Caitlin*



What do Youth Board do?

We work with businesses, charities, and community groups to campaign, raise awareness and make change. We do this through leading projects, speaking at events, writing blogs, giving feedback through audits and focus groups and highlighting areas for improvement.

Recent projects have included working with supermarkets to make stores and shopping experiences more accessible, and launching our bus report which campaigns for free bus travel for disabled people at all times.

We are guided by our manifesto, which focusses on 4 key areas – **Accessibility, Education, Employment and Travel**. You can read our Youth Board Manifesto [here](#).

As a member of Youth Board, you will:

Attend four residential Youth Board meetings a year, usually Friday morning to Sunday and in London. Expenses will be covered and you can bring a carer/parent if needed.

Join monthly online meetings. In these meetings you will discuss project updates and meet with partners and Whizz Kidz colleagues, helping to shape the work that Whizz Kidz does.

Contribute to project work. This could include writing a blog, providing comments and quotes, attending meetings with partners or representing Whizz Kidz at events.

Commit to being part of our Youth Board for a 2 year term. It is important that you can take part in projects and meetings in this period, but we will work with you to fit around your schedule where we can.



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**Being on the Youth Board
has helped me hugely
in terms of confidence.**

Rebecca



Whizz Kidz will offer you:

- Opportunity to make a real difference for young wheelchair users and have your voice heard
- Opportunity to take part in various projects and activities
- Training opportunities to help you gain experience and skills in areas that interest you
- Experience and insight into policy and engagement work, and into how a charity operates
- Opportunity to meet other enthusiastic young wheelchair users
- Travel, accommodation and food expenses covered when you are away from home



Eligibility

- Be aged **16-23** at the time of your first monthly meeting.
- Be a **wheelchair user**.
- Be **passionate** and **motivated** about making a difference to the lives of wheelchair users in the UK.
- Be **hardworking**, and able to **commit the time** to attend meetings and activities.
- Have **excellent communication skills**, being able to share your ideas and views effectively. This could include using communication devices or with support.
- Have an **email address** which you check regularly and be able to regularly communicate with other Youth Board members and Whizz Kidz colleagues.

Please note: Specific experience is not necessary. We will offer support and training.



Apply to be a Youth Board member

Apply by clicking [here](#)

If you find the online form difficult, please be sure to let us know so we can offer an alternative method.

Following the application form, we may invite you to an informal online interview.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the role in more detail before applying, please get in touch:

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We understand that you may need support to be able to apply and take part. We have provided options for ways to apply and are happy to chat to you about any accommodations you may need to attend an online interview and to participate as a board member.

Please do get in touch if you have any specific requests or questions.





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Thank you

For more information or to reach out to the Youth Board please contact Jo:

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