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**Sarah Champion MP celebrates disabled kids' achievements at star-studded ceremony**

Rotherham MP, Sarah Champion joined the disabled children's charity Whizz-Kidz at a star-studded awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of young disabled people from across the UK, including youngsters from Yorkshire.

The Kidz Unlimited Awards, held in the House of Commons, and hosted by Channel 4's Rick Edwards, showcased the talent and achievements of Whizz-Kidz Ambassadors from across the UK.

The Rotherham MP met with young Ambassadors from the charity to congratulate them on their achievements and talk about their aspirations.

Local MP Sarah Champion said:

*'It was fantastic to meet the Whizz-Kidz Ambassadors at the Kidz Unlimited Awards – they really are an inspirational group of young people.'*

*'Whizz-Kidz do great work locally providing disabled children and young people with wheelchairs and with life skills through their work placements programme and wheelchair skills training.'*

*'I'm very proud to be one of the charity's Parliamentary Champions and to support their work in Rotherham and across the UK.'*

George, 18, Chair of the Whizz-Kidz Kidz Board said:

*'The Kidz Unlimited Awards were a brilliant way to recognise just some of the amazing achievements of Whizz-Kidz Ambassadors, and we were delighted that Sarah joined in our celebrations! We are very grateful for all that she does to support Whizz-Kidz in Westminster and Rotherham.'*

Whizz-Kidz provides disabled children and young people across the UK with life-changing mobility equipment and also provide opportunities for disabled youngsters to learn valuable life skills, make friends and become more independent, through their youth clubs, residential camps, wheelchair skills training and work placements programme.

Whizz-Kidz has provided 2 disabled youngsters from Rotherham with life-changing specialist wheelchairs, worth more than £10,000.

For more information about Whizz-Kidz's work providing disabled children and young people a chance of a childhood and the skills for a bright future, visit [www.whizz-kidz.org.uk](http://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk).

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### Notes to Editors

- Whizz-Kidz supports young people to access the appropriate mobility equipment - including powered wheelchairs - at the right time; and delivers wheelchair skills-training, work placements, and other life-skills to help their transition from childhood to adulthood.
- Whizz-Kidz has changed the lives of nearly 16,000 disabled children since 1990 - often literally overnight. The charity estimates there are still over 70,000 children in the UK waiting for the right equipment to fit their young lives.