## **Testimonials**



Charlotte Staves, Top Champion 'Flying the nest' - Young Leader Award

"I was well chuffed about being on the shortlist, I was over the moon when I won the reward I couldn't be more proud with how far I came from being at Chadd house and doing the craft sessions and now I've become self-employed doing my own craft.

I couldn't thank Chadd house for pushing me to go for my dream thank you so much."

## Michaela Johnson (Herts School Outreach), Top Champion Innovative Action Award

"The R4YP people awards are a celebration of the incredible people actively making a difference to our communities now. To be included in this list was humbling. To be stood at the front of the ceremony accepting an award, was truly emotional. The acknowledgement of like-minded people was wonderful, and to be sat in room with so many fantastic individuals was so inspiring. I would encourage anyone to put that special someone forward for the awards. It was a fantastic evening celebrating kindness in life".

## Kieran Peck, Champion Innovative Action Award

"For me personally it meant a lot to even be shortlisted, I have always suffered from quite severe anxiety and confidence issues, so to know my foyer recognised the effort I had put into myself and others felt great. Then I had such a wonderful time there! It was extremely, severely out of my comfort zone, I've never travelled to anywhere like Birmingham, I only knew the support coach at my foyer, it was exceptionally intimidating. But everyone was so lovely and kind, Birmingham was beautiful and I had an amazing time at the shops, and I ended up saying to everyone, I didn't even care about winning in the end, the fact that I pushed myself so far and achieved so much to get there, that was all the reward I need. But then winning and getting an actual reward just completely topped it off! Both rewards sit pride of place in my flat, and I am constantly talking to people about the event still. I have had quite a lot of difficulties lately, but when I've been struggling and feeling like I can't cope, I tell myself I went to Birmingham and won an award, so I can do it! It is like the accomplishment that keeps on giving."