



I'm Alisha, I'm 18, I'm a Capricorn (not important unless you're into zodiac signs), I was born and have lived in Auckland for my whole life. I graduated high school last year, although did not pass NCEA level 3. It was 2015/2016 when I went on my sexuality discovery and have been out as bisexual ever since. I've always been supported by my parents even if my mum didn't get it. I didn't start going to RY until 2019 where I went to GQ and started facilitating Queer4Shore in July up until the end of Jan 2020 as I moved to West Auckland. I'm looking at jobs currently and also at more opportunities of working with RainbowYouth and hopefully facilitating again soon.

**What made you want to join the RY board?**

Everything I have done with RainbowYouth is a passion towards what you do and I want to be able to be on a team that helps guide the strategic direction of RainbowYouth and be able to say I help more than just facilitation.

**RainbowYOUTH is on a journey to proactively and respectfully uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi. How would you contribute to this journey?**

When I went to facilitation training we learnt a lot about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and it gave me insight in things I may have forgotten from school but also it reminded me of the Māori roots that I have and how it was in a way erased as mum, who the Māori side comes from believed we were not "Māori" enough because we were white and I want to take back ownership of those roots.

**What particular skills do you think you have that would make you suitable for the RY board?**

Facilitating has really given me confidence and allowed me to be more communicative. I'm also very inquisitive, dedicated, resilient and I make really good desserts.