

# CINNAMON LINDSAY

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**APPLYING FOR GENERAL BOARD MEMBER &  
TANGATA WHENUA REPRESENTATIVE**

Kia ora koutou, my name is Cinnamon and I am a queer cis wahine (Ngāti Whatua, Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi). I am currently a research assistant working on projects looking at rangatahi Māori wellbeing and housing at the University of Auckland. I have been the Tangata Whenua rep for the last year and would love to continue on in this role for 2020.

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

I have loved being on the RY Board for the last year. I love being part of such a passionate, progressive, and bold group of young people and really want to continue my mahi with RY. The Te Haerenga Hōu working group has done some amazing work this year laying out the foundations to work towards RY's aspirations to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi, I would love to be on the board for a final term before I age out to see some of these plans through to fruition.

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

I have learnt a lot over the last year about the intricacies and struggles that come with trying to change structures within an organisation to better honour Te Tiriti. Trying to foster biculturalism in an organisation is a long process and how this can look will differ depending on how we choose to define it. This journey is not linear, it involves growth and reflection and learning from our mistakes and I want to continue being a part of this journey. I am passionate about doing what I can to promote takatāpui wellbeing within RY and am not afraid to have difficult conversations that can often arise in these spaces.

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

I am particularly passionate about working further on the Te Haerenga Hōu project and promoting RY research relationships and possibilities. The team this year has been incredible and I would love to continue being a voice for our Māori and Pasifika whānau.