

# GRACE ABBOTT

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APPLYING FOR GENERAL BOARD MEMBER, CO-  
CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY & TANGATA WHENUA  
REPRESENTATIVE

Ko Mataatua te waka  
Ko Rangitaiki te awa  
Ko Putauaki te maunga  
Ko Ngāti Awa te iwi  
Ko Wharepaia te hapu  
Ko Wairaka te marae  
Ko Grace Abbott taku ingoa

I'm Grace, and although I hail from beautiful Waiariki, I was born and raised in Tāmaki Makaurau. I have a law degree from the University of Auckland, and I work as the Pouāwhina Māori at Auckland Law School, where I'm also studying a Masters in indigenous law. I live in Maungawhau with my partner, Ali, and I love pop culture, sewing, and my two cats, Minnie and Felix.

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

Rainbow Youth does so much good in the community, and I would like to give back by sharing any skills and knowledge I might have, in particular, for takatāpui youth.

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

My goal in life, work and study is to uphold tino rangatiratanga. If I were to be successful, I would hope to help Rainbow Youth's governance to align with this principle.

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

My role as Pouāwhina is about supporting rangatangi Māori, and this is something I am always keen to do more of. I advocate for youth in my workplace, and want to contribute these skills elsewhere. I also believe my legal knowledge and administrative skills would make me a suitable candidate, as I run the Māori Academic Programme at Auckland Law School, and am also the minute-taker at all Māori Faculty hui.