

# VICTORIA HAWTHORNE

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APPLYING FOR CO-CHAIR, SECRETARY, TANGATA  
WHENUA REP & GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Hi, I'm Victoria Hawthorne -

I'm currently the queer rights officer for AUSA (Auckland University Students Association) as well as the treasurer of UniQ (UniQueer UoA). I am also chairperson of the UoA Rainbow Student Council and co-chair other equity councils at the university.

I am studying law and commerce at UoA and have a passion for equality, equity and community engagement! I also work as a librarian at the UoA general library.

I like to keep busy working on projects but always have time for more - especially for a cause such as supporting Rainbow Youth.

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

I would love to be a board member in order to branch into the wider community and put my knowledge and experience to use outside of its current confines within UoA.

I have always followed the activities and social media of Rainbow Youth and see this as a perfect opportunity to engage with the organisation.

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

As a Maori woman studying law, I am absolutely 100% committed to upholding the treaty and its principles. I would contribute to RainbowYOUTH's journey by applying my (increasing) knowledge of customary law in decision-making.

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

- Queer Rights Officer at AUSA
- UniQ treasurer
- Rainbow student council chairperson
- Studying law and commerce
- Extensive volunteering experience