

James Watson



"I wanted to be a Youth MP because rangatahi across Aotearoa need to have their voices heard; we are facing such a rapidly changing world, and it is important that we have a say in a future but also our present. Coming from Otago, I am passionate about the issues with Dunedin Hospital, climate change, LGBTQ rights, and foreign affairs particularly around human rights and equality. In my current work with World Vision, I am working with young people across the country who want to make change. I am an open and driven person who enjoys politics, dance, multisport, and music and hope that I can bring the experience of an LGBTQ teen in Otago to represent some of the struggles that are still being faced in our systems but also that we have the ability to do and be better."

Selecting MP: Scott Willis

Location: Wellington