

## Aleksandra Bogdanova



"I've always had a passion for writing, politics and reporting. Ever since the beginning of the war between Russia and Ukraine – two halves of my cultural identity were torn in two. I feel like I've been made privy to a broken part of the world. Through my craft, I want to make the harsh and difficult realities more digestible and accessible to people who have found too much comfort in being unaffected. Through the Press Gallery, I'll really challenge myself in a way to tell the stories that need to be told from the Youth Parliament. Stories of overcoming struggle, holding power to account, advocating for the little man; are all stories worth hearing and even more worth reporting on. Being in the Youth Press Gallery lets me be that buffer."

**Youth Press Gallery member** 

**Location: Christchurch**