



## **Aarthi Candadai**



“I applied to be a Youth MP because I believe young people deserve a seat at the table where decisions are being made. So often, policies and systems are created that directly affect our lives, yet we’re not given the opportunity to shape them. I’ve seen how passionate, creative, and insightful young people can be when they’re given the chance to speak up. But I’ve also seen how our voices can be overlooked or dismissed simply because of our age.

Being a Youth MP is about making sure the concerns and experiences of young people are heard, respected, and reflected in the conversations that matter. I want to be a strong advocate for issues that affect us every day, from mental health to climate change, education to equity. I want to bridge the gap between young people and those in power and create a channel for genuine dialogue and action.”

**Selecting MP: Hon Nicola Willis**

**Location: Wellington**