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“While researching for my economics assessment, I discovered a 2022 Youth Parliament speech on youth mental health in schools. This led me to binge-watch previous Youth Parliament debates, where I was inspired by young people advocating for change. Though it took me twice the time to finish my assessment, I realised that youth voices are not only capable of addressing nationwide issues – like mental health and educational equity – but are often the best option, as WE bring firsthand experiences of what it means to be a young Kiwi and our vision for Aotearoa’s future. I am applying to the Youth Press Gallery because I want to utilise my passion for storytelling to amplify these voices. To report on the discussions and decisions that shape our nation. Through this role, I hope to highlight the issues that matter most to young people and contribute to a better New Zealand.”

Youth Press Gallery member

Location: Wellington