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Kia ora Volunteering New Zealand,

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I hope this letter finds you well. Ko Katie Donald tōku ingoa, I am a 22-year old, fourth-year student at Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington, studying a Bachelor of Laws and Arts (majoring in Political Science).

I am writing to apply for a position on the Board, either as the Youth Representative or as a General Representative. After having a look at the role descriptions online, I believe that I have the skills, experience, time and passion to contribute to Volunteering New Zealand's important kaupapa.

As outlined below, I have been fortunate to work with so many incredible not-for-profit organisations during my time at school and university. This has allowed me to make contacts with people across Aotearoa | New Zealand and gain a sense of what motivates people to volunteer and what barriers volunteers face. I believe that I can provide the Board with fresh insights on student volunteering and work with the Board to develop strategies to encourage more people, especially young people, to volunteer.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Nāku iti noa, nā | Yours sincerely  
Katie Donald

### **Leadership/ Volunteering Experience**

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#### **Ignite Consultants Wellington**

*Chief Executive Officer* | Nov 2023 - Present

Jan 2022 -  
October 2023

- Leading and supporting a 12-person executive, building relationships with not-for-profits across Aotearoa, reporting to the national Board on a monthly basis

*Project Manager* | Trimester 1 and 2, 2023

- Working with Big Brothers Big Sisters Wellington and Youthline Wellington
- Supporting a 5-person team of consultants through a 9-week project

*Consultant* | Trimester 1, 2022

- Working closely with RespectEd Aotearoa

#### **Victoria University Law Student Society (VUWLSS)**

*Co-Education Officer* - elected position

Nov 2023 -  
October 2023

- Student advocacy, working closely with the Law Faculty, facilitating a mentoring programme, supporting the rest of the VUWLSS executives with their roles

#### **Generation Vote**

*Teaching civic education workshops in year 9 classes*

Jan - Nov 2023

#### **Youth MP for Taupō electorate (includes Taupō, Tūrangi, Cambridge, Tokoroa)**

*Advocacy at Youth Parliament in the Law and Justice Committee*

2018 - 2019

- Gave recommendations to the House on how our youth justice system should be managed to prevent young people from becoming life-course-persistent offenders

*Leader of Taupō Youth Advisory Board*

- Developed a 'Bring Parliament to School' Day initiative in four high schools