



SUPPORTING RY

At RY, we're pretty passionate about what we do, and what we do is quite a lot!

First and foremost, RY is about creating safe spaces for queer and trans* young people. We do this in a number of ways, with our drop in centre open (nearly!) 7 days a week for young people to stop by, running social support groups throughout the suburbs of Auckland, and maintaining an informative, open online presence for our young people nationally. These safe spaces allow our young people to meet their queer and trans* peers, discover who they are, and ultimately be who they are.

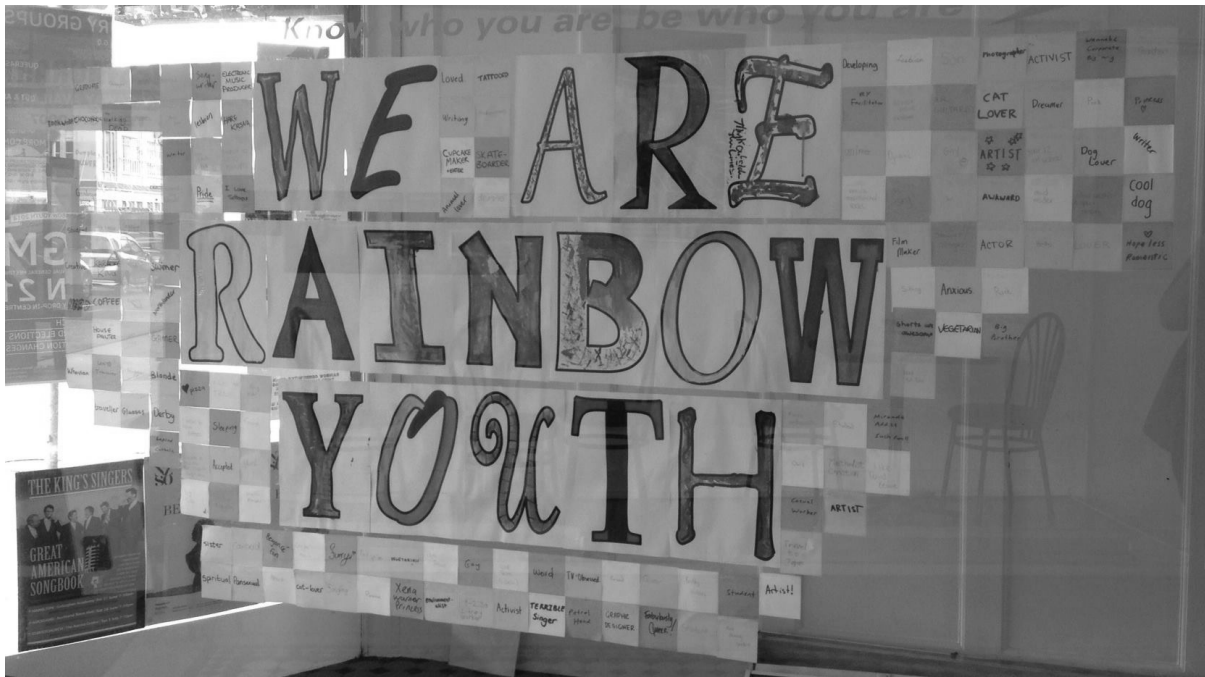
Second, RY supports our queer and trans* young people to achieve what we know they're capable of. Often, this is as simple as having unisex bathroom to use, providing internet access, or even just a friendly ear to listen. Many young people that get involved with Rainbow Youth become volunteers, facilitators or board members, gaining useful



life and work skills along the way. Rainbow Youth particularly prides itself on the excellent interpersonal and leadership skills our young people develop through being part of the organisation.

Finally, RY actively works towards creating a better and more educated New Zealand with our Education and Professional Development programs. Our in-school Education program reaches (almost!) 1,000 high school students each year, and the Professional Development program reaches out to businesses, tertiary institutes, health providers and other social support organisations. RY believes Education is the key to reducing discrimination against queer and trans* people in Aotearoa.

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The outcome:

All the work RY does helps to improve the lives and mental health of queer and trans* young people in New Zealand, now and for future generations in Aotearoa.

How we do it:

Much of the work RainbowYOUTH does in the community is thanks to the thousands of volunteer hours our members put in. We also have a number of paid staff to make sure things run day to day, and lots of resources available in the form of our drop in centre, websites, resources, etc.

How you can help:

The best thing you can do to help RainbowYOUTH is become a queer and trans* advocate in your everyday life. Check out the rest of the website for resources, or stop by the drop in centre for a chat!

We rely heavily on donations from people like you to achieve our [Vision and Mission](#).

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Your money goes towards:

- keeping the lights on
- creating safe spaces for queer & trans* young people
- building our resources available to queer & trans* young people, their friends, whānau and those who work with queer and trans* youth
- increasing the availability of our Education package to all New Zealanders
- upskilling the next generation of New Zealanders, such as facilitation and leadership skills
- positively affecting the life and mental health of young queer & trans* New Zealanders.



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