

# Rowena Al-Soodinay



## Global Threads Local Ties

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### Speaker Bio:



Rowena Al-Soodinay developed an avid global citizen outlook growing-up amongst different cultures. Graduating with a Bachelor of Health Sciences at the University of Auckland, she pursued her interest in population health to support communities to thrive equitably in their environment.

As a student, Rowena worked as a Wellbeing and Equity Student Ambassador for two years - being a student voice, advocating for wellbeing initiatives on campus, and providing a student outlook for nation-wide university initiatives such as the presentation of the Pastoral Care Code of Practice.

Rowena has vast experience in university accommodation and pastoral care, starting as a Floor Representative in her first-year hall. Rowena was employed as a Summer Assistant, providing administrative and pastoral support to students. She also worked as a Resident Adviser, providing pastoral care and support to over 300 students to ensure a robust and vibrant first-year university experience.

In her current role as an International Student Adviser at the University of Auckland, Rowena oversees the care of Under-18 Aged International Students. Apart from providing pastoral care check-ins, she ensures that the Under 18s are provided with and have completed legal documentation to pursue their studies at the university, and that they are well-accommodated for in their new home-away-from-home.

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