

Argie Tsang Disability Rep Candidate

Hi there! I'm Argie, a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture student entering my second year. Growing up in Aotearoa with neurodivergence and mental health conditions, I know what it's like to navigate education, wellbeing, and wider life here with disabilities. My Chinese heritage also helps me recognise the systemic barriers, such as stigmatisation and erasure, that disabled international students in particular may face.

As the 2026 LUSA Disability EDI Rep, I'm putting myself forward again to continue to represent our community in 2027. During my half-year tenure, I've done a lot of mahi for LUSA behind the scenes to benefit students at large. However, there are so many changes I wish to realise in the disability space. I would be beyond grateful for the opportunity to further elevate the needs of disabled students directly, as I become more adept as a Disability Rep.

My focuses for 2027, informed by real experience in the role, include:

- Addressing the disparity between expected and actual numbers of disabled LU students through destigmatisation and recognition initiatives
- Fostering a continuously supportive relationship between Inclusive Education and disabled students
- Investigating further ways to support neurodiverse students and students with mental health conditions within Student Health
- Increasing engagement of students with Iconic through engaging collaborations and excursions.

Each and every student should have the right to enjoy and thrive within all facets of Uni life, and I'll personally dedicate my energy to working towards this through this role. Even if we haven't met (yet!), I care about your wellbeing and that you're experiencing life to the fullest, at your own pace, on your own terms. Come to me with any issues regarding disability, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and I'll provide everything from personalised advocacy to a listening ear.

[Also running for Rainbow EDI 🌈]