



Labas! Hi! Moikka! Hej!

My name is Mantė Žygelytė and I am a third year Collaborative and Industrial Design student at School of ARTS. With this motivational letter, I would like to express my enthusiasm in applying for the Aalto University Student Union (AYY) Board 2024 with particular interest for portfolios of vice-chair and equity.

The journey at the current AYY Board has been an adventurous one - filled with moments of frustrations, hope and joy! There have been moments of celebrations and huge achievements along with moments of downfalls and defeats. Despite the bumpy journey, I remain optimistic and am eager to continue the work that has been started in the past years, working towards a more accessible, inclusive and equitable student union for all members of the Aalto community.

As TOKYO's, School of ARTS association, vice-chair in 2022, I have the experience and skills of co-leading a group of boardies. I prioritize the safety and well-being of the board, ensuring that everyone is heard and is able to participate in the decision-making. I believe that the foundation of great board work lies in the ability to trust one another, respect each other's differences and have fun!

Our community is growing and thriving. Yet, at the same time, not everyone feels like they belong within the student union. Therefore, I would like to continue working with a portfolio of equity - ensuring that our young student union is progressing in equity matters both internally and towards the community.

I believe that the student union and the AYY Board of 2024 will benefit with the continuity and knowledge, experiences and skills I am bringing in as the AYY board member of 2023.

To another exciting year ahead with new energy and enthusiasm!

With warm regards,

Mantė Žygelytė