

Shani Cain Bio

Shani Cain is a young woman from regional Victoria living on Wadawurrung country. She is a passionate advocate for youth empowerment, gender equality and First Nations justice. In her role as the CEO of the Oaktree Foundation, Australia's largest youth-run international development organisation, Shani progressed the status of young people throughout Australia and the Asia-Pacific region, advocating for youth participation and systematic policy change. Shani has previously worked in refugee settlement, climate and has undertaken international development secondments throughout Asia, Africa and South America. She holds a double degree in Commerce and International Studies and a Masters degree in Humanitarian Assistance from Deakin University. "I want to use my privilege to amplify the need for youth voices to be heard on all issues that disproportionately impact young people, specifically young women," she says. In her down time, you'll find Shani camping, teaching yoga or walking her two border collies.