

## LETTER OF CANDIDACY

We live in an unequal world, which manifests itself through, famine, war and oppression. Our world is full of conflicts, fear and growing class divisions. We live in a world where eight men owns more than half of the world's population. This is deeply unfair. As young social democrats, our answer always need to be solidarity, equality and liberation.

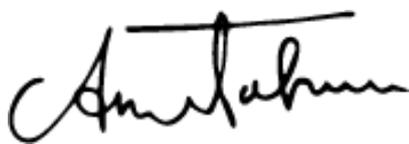
One of the biggest obstacles to achieve global equality is the ongoing war and conflicts in the world. Although this is a fact, the international community is paralyzed and unable to find solutions to the conflicts. IUSY need to be a strong voice for peace and call for action and decisiveness from the international community.

First and foremost, IUSY must be the never-ending defender of equality. The number of people living in extreme poverty has drastically decreased during the last decade. This is a positive trend but at the same time we witness growing economic inequalities in the world. The uneven distribution of wealth has significant effects on the possibility to build stable and equal societies. Therefore, access to education and healthcare in combination with economic distribution need to be emphasized on international level.

My name is Andrea Törnестam and I joined the Swedish Social Democratic Youth (SSU) 2004 after a feminist wakeup call in high school. My first experience of SSU was a huge demonstration in commemoration of the Kristallnacht. We united young people with a promise to never let our generation forget the horrors of fascism. This demonstration shaped me as a person and it still encourages me in my political work.

In time of polarization, we need to unite in a common struggle for equality. In times of disillusion we need to get young people to believe in the power of political change and mobilization. I know that the international social democratic movement is the only movement that can unite people from different regions, in urban and rural areas, at the universities and workers at the industries. We can unite people from all backgrounds – and this is a strength that we need to use.

I believe that IUSY, the young socialist movement is the force that can give our generation hope for the future. We unite for our common future and common goal: an equal world where all people are liberated.



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