



*Letter of motivation*

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*Running for IUSY Vice-President*

Dear Comrades,

during the sunny spring of eleven years ago I started to take an active part in politics, joining the electoral campaign that led the left-wing coalition to win that election. A lot of young people, to the strains of “La canzone popolare”, started to think it was possible to change our country through progressive policies and putting in place social democratic principles.

After the Democratic Party of Italy was born, I joined it. Since then, I never stopped increasing my political commitment.

When I was nineteen years old, I was elected as municipal councillor in my hometown, Agnone. It was then that I started to feel the urge to reconcile the problems and the requirements coming from my small town with the big issues that affect people’s lives across the world.

This need to conjugate the development of territories and a global project of peace, solidarity and social justice has always been a major challenge faced by Giovani Democratici. In this big political and human organization I have always done my best to make sure that our message was spread loud and our goals were reached.

Our struggles to a democratic, equal and free society produced an advancement of people’s rights, an improvement of work conditions and employment in our country. It is my motivation to help intensifying IUSY connection with its member organizations, it is my hope to help improving cooperation between member organisations to share experiences and achievements.

Our core values suggest us the direction that we have to follow during the next mandate. Equal opportunities in our societies can be built only if free education is provided for all. Populists can be beaten implementing social policies that ensure that nobody is left behind. Climate change must be tackled, making sustainability the core of every policy undertaken. Policies that allow nations to overcome youth unemployment will be achievable if we are not afraid of looking at the upcoming industrial revolution as an opportunity for human beings to be freed from repetitive and wearing work, and focus on the creative and innovation-driven one.

Considered that the United Nations are the only existing legitimate framework for global political regulation, there is a need for a deep reform of the UN and its politics. The precondition of a democratic and human rights based system of global governance must be a stronger and more democratic United Nations system.

Our generation has to pretend a democratic governance of the global economy to end poverty and create decent work and life conditions for every human being. In addition, an international progressive tax justice is essential to develop a global welfare system.

Finally, to build peace and security in a complex and closely interdependent world, to face the increasing and worrying instability, the international community has to put a bigger effort into conflict prevention and we need to continue our fight for worldwide disarmament.

For these reasons and many more, I kindly ask for your support.

With socialist regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Caterina Cerroni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Caterina Cerroni