

To: International Union of Socialist Youth

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Letter of motivation

Dear comrades,

I would like to present my candidacy to the position of IUSY Vice President.

My name is Ingrid Endrerud, I am 24 years old and live in Oslo. I work for the National Library of Norway, study entrepreneurship and economy at BI business school and am the international leader in AUF.

Ten years ago, I started my engagement in AUF. Since then I have been leader in my local branch, my regional branch, employed in AUF as organizational secretary and now I am the international leader in the central board of AUF. I am also the representative of observers in the YES bureau. Although those ten years the causes closest to my heart has always been international policies and foreign affairs policies. I have been lucky to get a lot of opportunities through my engagement in AUF, and the most valued time has been with AUF's sister organizations and umbrella organizations.

Through my position in the central board I have for the last three years been working with international projects and foreign affair policies. Nothing makes me prouder than when our movement stands together to create change all over the world. Apart from international policies, the political cause closest to my heart is youth employment. Work is the key to both a happy life and to a sustainable society that provides welfare for its people. Without the prospects of work, the youth loses the prospect of their future.

Creating jobs under fair conditions creates equality. IUSY must always be the foremost champion for defeating inequality. The increasing gaps in our world drives people further from eachother. This is shown not only through wars and militarized conflicts, but also through increasing right wing extremism and racism that divides local communities. Much of the frustration that leads to these situations are caused by a lack of belief in the future. Through jobs people can live good lives in security. When your basic needs for today are covered, you can start to develop and strive towards the dreams for tomorrow. As Tage Erlander, the Swedish Prime Minister from 1946 said, I believe that our task as politicians is to build the dancefloors, so that people are able dance their lives.

Our generation of politicians have many big tasks in front of us. Our biggest task will be to restore people's faith in political solutions that benefit the many and not the few. Our fight is for the frustrated who feel left behind, against populist right wing movements. Although there are problems facing our generation, IUSY must also always be an organization of hope. As progressive youth, it is our responsibility to paint out our visions for the future to inspire youth all over the world. We must build the dancefloors for the future.

With socialist regards,

Ingrid Endrerud