

Dear Comrades,

For years I have been actively involved in advocating social democratic values all over the world. Having lived in different countries and engaging with many people in an effort to make the world a bit more democratic, has been the reason for me to apply for this position.

I firmly believe that the IUSY could be the epitome of social democracy and social democratic values. The current uprising of the right wing as a supposed answer to current world affairs needs a better answer from the socialist youth. I aspire to aid my peers and influence the younger generations to secure a more equal and social world.

As a long time member of the AYPF international board and being actively engaged with IUSY, I have gained a great deal of experience in international politics. IUSY has been a great enrichment in understanding and advocating solidarity and equality. For years I have been closely involved in pushing through human rights projects on various levels in my home country. It is evident that the Black Sea region is in dire need of an improvement in its human rights apparatus. It falls behind in respecting the rights of the population on many levels. Through my years of work, I have seen the need of a strong advocacy of women's rights.

Women in the region must be allowed to live a life without fear of violence and unjust treatment so they may assume their rightful roles as equal citizens of the Black Sea countries—and the world.

I am committed, with renewed vigor, to be a champion for women in the Black Sea region, and I stand ready to continue to implement and support initiatives to respect, protect, promote, and fulfill all human rights.

Advancing women's rights and inclusion must be a priority if we are to build a competitive economy and just society for current and future generations.

In the Black Sea region there is an ideological vacuum. The Stalinist reign of terror has left deep scars on these countries and has tainted the name of any true socialist ideology. IUSY has the means and the potential to fill this void and play a decisive part in changing the political climate of the Black Sea region. I am highly motivated in being instrumental in putting through the necessary changes and tackle the troubles in the region. I am determined, that with the help of our sister organizations, we will be able to incorporate our social democratic values which will in turn regain the trust of the people.

Through my background in education I have learned that knowledge about society is lacking severely. It has taught me that the gap between the coming generations and the reality of today's world is nearly unbridgeable which unfortunately contributes to the polarization of societies. We, as socialist youth, should merge our knowledge and our means to educate the younger generations to claim ownership of their rights.

In my sincere belief in the values of IUSY, I have the ambition to bring together our strengths and leave a long lasting social impact on the Black Sea region. I hope to make a positive impact on the region which will contribute to better living conditions, strong judicial systems, societies based on strong social democratic values, honor human rights and peace among the countries in the region. I aim to create a firm basis for collaboration with all our sister organizations. I hope to concentrate our devotion and our beliefs into real social policy that will change the region indefinitely.

With socialist regards,
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