

To
IUSY Presidium
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IUSY Secretariat

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**Letter of Motivation of Charlotte Rosa Dick for
Candidacy as IUSY Vice President**

Dear comrades,

At the upcoming IUSY World Congress I will stand for election as IUSY Vice President. It is a great honor for me to have been nominated for this position by Jusos at the last federal congress in November 2017.



During the last four years I was active as deputy federal chairman of Jusos Germany. At one point or another, the work has reminded me of the natural limits of an internationalist youth organization. Many of today's challenges such as climate change or global refugee and migration movements need an international approach. Global distributive justice can't be established from a national state perspective. This year the G20 took place in Hamburg and COP 23 in Bonn and we were able to see again how intergovernmental international work functions in reality. We were able to see how a policy guided by the interests of the global North is being implemented at the expense of the global South. Personally, these events have shown me again that a strong youth international is urgently needed.

Only together we are strong

International Social Democracy is currently in a serious crisis. Right-wing and reactionary forces all around the world are on the rise, inequalities are increasing and poverty is growing. Most Social Democratic or Socialist parties are not an effective counterweight to burgeoning nationalism, right-wing populism or growing inequalities. If the socialist and social democratic idea has always been an internationalist idea, then in times of globalization it must be more than ever be an internationalist idea and must find common answers as a worldwide movement.

The growing division of Social Democratic and Socialist parties into Progressive Alliance and Socialist International is worrying. That is why a strong Youth International, an effective and powerful International Union of Socialist Youth is so important in order to be able to act as a connecting element between SI and PA at the same time.

Joint projects, such as the Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem, which enable an exchange of ideas across borders, must be strengthened and anchored in the consciousness of our comrades around the world. Only when there is continuous dialogue and understanding over conflict lines as partners, prejudices can be reduced and common solutions become closer.



In the next two years, I would like to accompany the work of the Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem for the IUSY and I would like to work on a project which includes members in the content work in the area of environment and climate policy of the IUSY.

Environmental policy must be global

One of the biggest international challenges of our time, which requires a common approach, is climate change. It is a result of capitalism as the prevailing social and economic order because it understands nature as a reproductive element does not integrate it into the economic system and exploits it mercilessly and irretrievably. It is therefore a systemic crisis and at its root a capitalist problem. A capitalist problem that not only has devastating effects on nature, but also further exacerbates challenges such as global refugee and migration movements. Climate change is therefore one of the issues that should be addressed by a Youth International. Together with many comrades from all over the world, I would like to work on this topic as part of a working group.

Within the IUSY there is space for political work involving interested comrades, there is space for joint campaigns and there is scope for accompanying events such as the COP 23 in Bonn.

I would like to use this space and ask you for your support at the 32th IUSY World Congress.

Socialist and internationalist regards

Charlotte Rosa Dick