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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH

IUSY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Full name of the organization (both in original language and in English)
JUVENTUD RENOVADORA DEL MOVIMIENTO RENOVADOR SANDINISTA / RENOVATION YOUTH OF THE SANDINISTA RENOVATION MOVEMENT
2. Abbreviated name of the organization
JR - MRS
3. Country of origin
NICARAGUA
4. Region of origin
CENTRAL AMERICA
5. Date of establishment
21 MAY 1995
6. Address of the headquarters
SEMAFOROS AUTO LOTE CHEL 2 blocks west 1 block north
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ORGANIZATIONAL INFO

10. What are the main bodies of the organization? <i>[Please define the electoral procedure, number of people elected, quotas based on certain criteria – if applicable]</i>
We are organized as a youth network within the MRS party. We hold transparent and secret elections every 2 years, where we elect a group of five people who form the national youth coordinating group. From this group we elect our national youth representative, who holds a seat in the National directorate of the party. This structure repeats itself at the province level and municipal level. In the general elections of the party there are quotas established for people less than 40 years old to guarantee their participation in the main decision making bodies.
11. When was the last Congress held?
June 21, 2017
12. President
Luis Alfredo Blandon Flores
13. Secretary General
Jefree Álvarez
14. International Representative
Larry Blandon Flores
15. Feminist Coordinator
Heyling Marengo
16. LGBT / Queer Coordinator
Muammar Vado
17. Number of members
150
18. Age limit and average age
30 years old



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19. How many regions of the country does the organization cover with its branches?

[Please name them]

The Juventud Renovadora (Youth Renovation) covers the whole country. We are working on the Caribbean coast and the south of the country to complete the entire territory. We have youth groups in Managua, Leon, Chinandega, Esteli, Chontales and Carazo to name the main cities.



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ACTIVITIES & POLITICAL AGENDA

20. What are the political aims/objectives of your organization?
Empower Nicaraguan youth with tools and skills that allow them to contribute towards a Nicaragua where there are opportunities, progress, solidarity, democracy and sovereignty.
21. What are the organizational aims/objectives of your organization?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize chapters of the JR in all of Nicaragua's provinces 2. Actively participate in key decision making party structures. 3. Continuously train youth in response to local and national problems. 4. Project the members of the JR as leaders who are responsible, credible and trustworthy .
22. What are your main fields of activity?
Our main fields are organizing, training and mobilizing on themes that affect young people
23. What have been your political priorities in the last two years?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Organizing chapters of the JR throughout the country b) Facilitating training opportunities for our membership so that they are prepared to hold leadership positions c) Mobilizing against an authoritarian government and for a democratic change in Nicaragua through free and fair elections.
24. Do you organise campaigns? On which topics?
Yes, we have organized campaigns in favor of a democratic system and against the dictatorship, on the right to free and fair elections, against the concession of a canal that threatens our sovereignty and endangers our environment, first employment legislation, against violence.
25. Do you organise seminars? On which topics?
Yes. We have organized seminars on democracy, leadership, quality education, Nicaragua's tax system, social networks and the use of art to affect social change.
26. Does your organization have representative(s) in the Parliament?
No, our representatives were illegally expelled from parliament last year and in these upcoming elections the opposition was impeded from participating in a fraudulent electoral process .
27. What are the organizations in your country you co-operate with? (I.e. youth/ students'/ trade unions/ feminist)
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universities and other local organized youth groups.
28. Are there any other youth organizations in your country considered on the left side of the political spectrum? <i>[If yes, please indicate the names, the level of cooperation and examples of such cooperation]</i>
No
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There is a national youth platform, but it is unfortunately controlled by the governing party and only includes members from this party.



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POLITICAL & ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

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30. Do you have cooperation with youth organizations from other countries?
Currently we do not
31. Do you have a mother party? What are the relations between your organization and the party? <i>(In terms of status, administration, policy)</i>
Yes, our mother party is the Sandinista Renovation Movement. We are an autonomous network of young people organized within the party. The party has for several years promoted the renewal of its leadership so it has been very intentional in its openness towards our young leadership, supporting our proposals and providing us with the necessary tools for empowerment. We receive support from the party for certain activities, but we are mainly responsible for own fundraising and organization. Although we have autonomy in the way we organize and in defining our program, we still have to operate within the framework of the statutes that govern the party.
32. When were the last elections held? Did your organization participate in a campaign? <i>[If yes, please indicate: with what message? was it the same as the party's one?]</i>
During its political career the MRS has participated three times in national elections, with its own candidate in 1996 , leading a broad alliance in 2006 with its own candidate , and in other alliances. The MRS has



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been stripped of its legal status twice, first in 2000 and then again in 2008, in both cases because Ortegismo attempted to eliminate the MRS from the political scene, relying on the political pact between political strong men (caudillos) Arnoldo Aleman and Daniel Ortega . In 2006, the MRS won more than 8% of the vote, at the head of the MRS Alliance. In 2008, due to an arbitrary decision of the Supreme Electoral Council, the MRS was prevented from participating in municipal elections, although the list of candidates had been officially published and had met all legal requirements. Again this exclusion of the MRS was imposed by the Ortega and Aleman political strongmen. In 2011, impeded from participating in the national elections under its own legal status, again because of the persistent dictatorially negativity of Daniel Ortega, the MRS formed part of the PLI Alliance, and two deputies and three alternate deputies were elected to the National Assembly; as well as one representative and one alternate to the Central American Parliament. The electoral fraud committed by the FSLN affected the number of MRS members elected. In the 2016 elections, the opposition was impeded from participating in the fraudulent electoral process so we were unable to have any members of parliament elected. Although our legal status continues to be confiscated by the institutions controlled by Ortegismo and our membership experiences political persecution and physical assault, the MRS is a frontline political player in the dynamic national political scene. Allies, adversaries and the Nicaraguan people in general recognize that the MRS is consistent with its principles and program, its commitment to democracy, political capacity, the courage of its members to confront the dictatorial designs of Daniel Ortega and the party's identification with the interests of the majority of the population

33. Can you describe the political situation in your country? What is the composition of the Left? How much does the Left receive in the polls?

Nicaragua is currently facing a dictatorial regime, controlled by the governing family of Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo. All branches of government are controlled by the regime, including the judicial system, the national assembly, the executive branch and the supreme electoral council. We have experienced in the last decades at least 5 electoral frauds, which have impeded Nicaraguans to elect their authorities in free and fair elections. The police and the army are also used by the dictatorship to exercise control over the population and exercise violence against those who are in the opposition, including members of the MRS. 7 out of 10 jobs are precarious and informal in Nicaragua and poverty is rampant. The Ortega Murillo family controls almost 90% of the media and has intentionally attacked independent media. In recent years there have been increasing mobilizations from different social and political sectors against policies that impact the wellbeing of the population, including against the multiple electoral frauds.

34. Is there more than one left wing party in your country?

[If yes, please describe the differences among the parties and indicate whether there is a prospect of a united Left]

The FSLN considers itself a leftist party, but in practice it is far from carrying out any leftist platform.

35. Any additional comments

Thanks for filling in the application!



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