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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)
Tasmanian Young Labor
2. Abbreviated name of the organization
TYL
3. Country of origin
Australia
4. Region of origin
Tasmania
5. Date of establishment
1948
6. Address of the headquarters
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## ORGANIZATIONAL INFO

10. What are the main bodies of the organization?

*[Please define the electoral procedure, number of people elected, quotas based on certain criteria – if applicable]*

Executive:

President

Senior Vice President

Junior Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Southern Regional Organiser

Northern Regional Organiser

North-West Regional Organiser

5 State Conference Delegates

3 Delegates + 3 Alternate Delegates to AYL National Conference

State Conference

Quorum is one twentieth of voting membership, whichever is the greater.

11. When was the last Congress held?

September 25th, 2016

12. President

Natalie Jones

13. Secretary General

Dana Endelmanis

14. International Representative

N/A

15. Feminist Coordinator

N/A

16. LGBT / Queer Coordinator

N/A



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17. Number of members
121
18. Age limit and average age
14-26
19. How many regions of the country does the organization cover with its branches? <i>[Please name them]</i>
Tasmania, Australia



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## ACTIVITIES & POLITICAL AGENDA

20. What are the political aims/objectives of your organization?
Building youth and community support for the principles of democratic socialism, feminism, unionism, and democracy
21. What are the organizational aims/objectives of your organization?
(a) Supporting the objectives and platform of the Australian Labor Party among young people; (b) Encouraging political awareness and participation among young people; (c) be the recognised as the Youth Wing of the ALP. (d) Promote the objectives, aims and policy resolutions of TYL both within the forums of the broader Australian Labor Party and in the community at large. (e) Be required to meet at least once a year with the State PLP Leader.
22. What are your main fields of activity?
Fundraisers, social events, education and political campaigns.
23. What have been your political priorities in the last two years?
Pursuing progressive and youth-inclusive policy in the Australian Labor Party and Tasmanian Labor Party; election of Labor Governments. Opposition to right-wing policies such as anti-discrimination law exemptions for churches, anti-protest laws and cuts to penalty rates. Tasmanian Young Labor's most successful recent campaigns included our opposition to the criminalisation of termination which led to successfully pushing the Parliamentary Labor Party to pass the Reproductive Health Bill 2013, enabling termination without referral up to 16 weeks, as well as exclusion zones of 150 metres.
24. Do you organise campaigns? On which topics?
Yes: mostly recently Young Labor organised for the 2016 Federal election and assisted in the election of Federal candidates from Tasmania who supported our political values. At our most recent State Conference we passed policy on issues including: -Sex Worker Rights -Requiring the next Federal Labor Treasurer to write to the Reserve Bank to change its core objective from maintaining a 1-2% inflationary rate to pursuing full employment in Australia, in line with the underpinning Act. -Congratulating Jeremy Corbyn on his re-election as UK Labour President and committing to assist in his election however possible. -Opposing university fee deregulation -Lowering/Abolishing the age of Gillick competence under Family Law, which prevents queer minors from accessing second-stage hormones to assist in transitioning prior to the onset of puberty.
25. Do you organise seminars? On which topics?
The 2016-17 Executive is committed to organising a Tasmanian Labor and Unionism History Seminar by Richard P. Davis, a local historian. We are also seeking to collaborate with the Tasmanian Aboriginal



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Council on aboriginal sovereignty and treaty in Tasmania.
26. Does your organization have representative(s) in the Parliament?
27. What are the organizations in your country you co-operate with? (I.e. youth/ students'/ trade unions/ feminist)
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>
29. Is there a national youth council in your country? <i>[If yes, please indicate your role]</i>
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## POLITICAL & ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

26. Does your organization have representative(s) in the Parliament?
Tasmanian Young Labor has several alumni in both State and Federal Parliaments, including Senator Carol Brown (Federal), Julie Collins MP (Federal), Rebecca White MP (State), and Lara Giddings MP (former Tasmanian Premier).
27. What are the organizations in your country you co-operate with? (i.e. youth/ students'/ trade unions/ feminist)
TYL actively and critically participates in Tasmania's statewide student organisation, the Tasmania University Union, as well as the National Union of Students. We support trade union campaigns and are currently actively involved in campaigning with Scarlet Alliance (the only NGO in Tasmania representing sex workers in lieu of full decriminalisation and unionisation). We also collaborate actively with EMILY's List and the Labor Sisterhood in Tasmania to support the election of pro-choice candidates.
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>
Resistance (Youth wing of Socialist Alliance); Young Greens (Youth wing of the Australian Greens).
29. Is there a national youth council in your country? <i>[If yes, please indicate your role]</i>
Nonpartisan ( <a href="http://www.youthcouncil.org.au">www.youthcouncil.org.au</a> ); no involvement from TYL or other parties.
30. Do you have cooperation with youth organizations from other countries?
Not currently. We are seeking to pursue greater cooperation and communication with other youth organisations. We see active affiliation with IUSY as core to facilitating this.
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>
Tasmanian Labor; Tasmanian Young Labor's rules are an appendix to the constitution of the Australian Labor Party, along with PACs and other party organisations as part of the official affiliation process.
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>
Tasmanian Young Labor organised turn-out and campaign calls for Federal and State candidates, mostly recently at the 2016 Federal election and 2014 State election.
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?
Australia's national culture is rooted in protectionism and to some degree radical protest such as through



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the Eureka movement, however the rise of neoliberalism in the 1980s has seen a decline in trade union membership and socialist policies in government. Currently there are two major parties, the Liberal Party of Australia (which currently governs in coalition with the conservative Nationals); and the Australian Labor Party (a democratic socialist party). The Australian Greens (social liberals) sit on the cross-bench in the upper and lower houses nationally with other minor parties such as Pauline Hanson's One Nation (right-wing/fascist), the Nick Xenophon Team (neoliberals), etc. In Tasmania, the Legislative Assembly consists of the Liberal Party (in Government), Tasmanian Labor (Opposition) and the Greens (cross-bench), with a right-wing upper house (Legislative Council) consisting of 2 Labor MLCs, 2 Liberal MLCs and 11 independents (mostly right-wing).

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 Australian Greens, Australian Sex Party, Animal Rights Party, Animal Liberation Party, are all parties that could be described as left-wing. Where possible we seek to work with youth wings of such organisations as fraternal organisations, but as parties such as the Australian Greens have recently shifted from radical politics to self-described liberalism we no longer believe our ideologies to be compatible.

35. Any additional comments

We would like to express our disappointment in the national organisation to which we are affiliated, Australian Young Labor, in failing to actively uphold its membership of IUSY. Despite our status as a State organisation, and access to a smaller budget as a consequence, we believe passionately in upholding the values which we and IUSY share and recognise that the principle of internationalism is the glue which binds our struggles and make our goals achievable. We hope to pursue active membership of IUSY and fundraise to send our members to IUSY events very soon. We thank you for your consideration of our application for Full Membership.

Thanks for filling in the application!

Please send it to [iusy@iusy.org](mailto:iusy@iusy.org) together with the other required information.