To: IUSY Member Organisations & IUSY Presidium  
Subject: Invitation to the IUSY Students Working Group  

Vienna, 19th March, 2018

Dear Comrades,

We have the pleasure to invite you to:

**IUSY STUDENTS WORKING GROUP MEETING**

“Free and Quality Education as a Human Right”

KLH, Werneuchen, Germany

17th -20th May, 2018

**Overview**

What: Students Working Group
When: 17th-20th May
Where: Kurt Löwenstein Youth Centre Werneuchen / Werftpuhl, Germany. (Close to Berlin)
Age: 18-35 years
Size: 2 seats for each region (no more than one per country)
Deadline: 2 April

**Outline**

Student politics remain critical in youth struggles for a just world. IUSY as a youth organization cannot afford to be complacent about student politics and struggles. It is therefore paramount that this new IUSY leadership takes the issue of students seriously. IUSY believes that student’s rights are fundamental for the youth of the world to become active and critical citizens in our society. For the youth to realize its full potential and contribute positively towards development access to public education at all levels must be a reality. Therefore we aim to build a network that will champion the interest of students within IUSY structures and at a global level.

**Theme**

The right to education was established in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 and has been affirmed in United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention against Discrimination in Education (1960), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1981) and the Convention on the rights of the child (1989). These conventions affirm the basic rights to primary and development of secondary education but most of all they assert that the aim of education is to promote enable individuals to participate effectively in a free society, promote personal development, human rights and freedoms as well as understanding, friendship and tolerance. The respect and fulfilment of the right to education can bring marginal-
ised groups out of poverty, it is indispensable in realising other rights and it fully develops ones personality. According to UNESCO a rights based approach to education is simply to ensure that every child has a quality education that respects and promotes her/his development and rights. The right to education does not just encompass access to education it is also the right to a quality education. To ensure the access to a quality education attention must be paid to the role of the teachers, the significance of the curriculum and the learning environment. In this working group meeting we will explore the right to education from a rights-based approach and will come up with campaigns to strengthen IUSYs work on students issues.

With best regards,

Johanna Ortega
IUSY President

Ana Pirtskhalava
IUSY Secretary General

Participant profile
Each member organisation in the region may register up to one participant for the meeting. Please note that the event must be gender-balanced and therefore the selection criteria will follow this premise in order to ensure such balance. Both the IUSY statues and the Global Project require gender balance.

Participants must be able to attend the entire programme of the seminar and be active throughout the year after the meeting. This is due to that the work of the Working Group will be carried out throughout the year in line with the working plan.

It’s preferable that participants have experience in Students issues and are interested in human rights.

All participants must be aged 18-35 years old, with no exceptions.

How to apply
Participants must apply by filling the registration form online at https://goo.gl/forms/kj3olruKtquqmrR2 by Monday 2 April 2018.

All applicants will receive the outcome of their application by the 6th of April.

Participation fee
The participation fee for the event is 30€ per person and must be paid with bank transfer by Monday 30 April, 2018. The participation fee will cover accommodation, meals, refreshments and programme for the duration of the event. Any additional nights’ accommodation must be arranged and paid for by participants.
Bank transfers should be made to the following bank account:

- Account holder: International Union of Socialist Youth, IUSY
- Bank: BAWAG Wien
- SWIFT code: BAWAATWW
- IBAN: AT41 1400 0053 1066 0380
- Account Number: 0053 1066 0380

Once you have made the bank transfer, **please send a payment receipt to iusy@iusy.org.** Please be aware that IUSY cannot take responsibility for any bank fees. **If you are unable to make a bank transfer in advance you must inform us by Monday 30th April, 2018.**

**Outstanding membership fees and/or debts**

Please note that only organisations without outstanding membership fees or debts can participate in the event. Therefore, we would ask for organisations to transfer their outstanding fees or debts by bank transfer as soon as possible.

If you are unable to pay your membership fee and/or debt, please contact the IUSY Secretary General (ana.pirtskhala@gmail.com) and the Chair of Control Commission (roland.gur@iusy.org) to discuss alternative options.

**Travel**

**Arrivals and Departures**

Day of arrival for the IUSY Students Working Group Meeting is the **17 May** and day of departure is the **20 May**. Please make your travel arrangements accordingly and do not forget that **IUSY will not be able to cover accommodation** or any other additional expenses for delegates who need to stay **additional nights** in Germany.

**How to get to the Venue / Pick-up**

Details on how to get to the Venue will be provided a week before the event.

**Travel reimbursement**

Travel reimbursement is available up to a fixed reference price that will be communicated together with the participation confirmation after the registration deadline. Only economy tickets will be reimbursed.

All travel reimbursements will be made in Euro by bank transfer after the meeting. No travel reimbursement will be available in cash on the event without prior agreement made by **2nd May**.

Please note that IUSY can only reimburse cost of travels proven by original documents. Therefore, do not forget to keep and hand in to the IUSY Secretariat **all of the following documents** at the meeting:

- Flights:
  1. Booking confirmation, itinerary and ticket (emailed in advance to iusy@iusy.org)
  2. Original boarding passes for all flight segments (given to the Secretariat on arrival)

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3. Local travel tickets, where relevant (given to the Secretariat on arrival)
4. Your bank account details (please make sure you bring them with you)

Train/coach:
1. Booking confirmation, itinerary and ticket (emailed in advance to iusy@iusy.org)
2. Original, stamped tickets for all journey segments (given to the Secretariat on arrival)
3. Local travel tickets, where relevant (given to the Secretariat on arrival)
4. Your bank account details (please make sure you bring them with you)

Please note that the travel reimbursement amount will become available upon selection.

Visas
If some of the participants should need to request a Visa, please send a copy of your passport to iusy@iusy.org as soon as possible, so the Secretariat can draft a Visa invitation letter for you.

Accommodation and meeting venue
The information regarding accommodation and venue will be send to the participants later on.

Cancellations
There will be a 30€ cancellation fee charged to each organisation whose participant(s) withdraws after 30 April 2018 without valid reasons.

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