Letter of Motivation
Candidacy for IUSY Vice President
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Dear comrades,
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I got involved in politics when I joined the VSStÖ group at my university in 2015. The reasons I joined were a feeling of injustice in the society on many levels and right-wing tendencies at my university. Being an activist in a socialist youth organization taught me to stand up against discrimination and injustice and how to build a resistance. The following years I held several positions in this group. 2017/2018 I was international secretary and YES bureau member of VSStÖ, through which I got insights in international political work and alliances. My political vision is one of true equality, where everyone has equal opportunities and your future does not depend on your parent’s wealth.

Due to the different positions I held and the several years I was politically active I gained skills and experiences I want to use to benefit IUSY and take the organization forward. During my time in VSStÖ I learned to fight for my beliefs and to work towards set goals, whether it was inside of VSStÖ or in the student council of my university. I strongly believe that most if not all of the political fights we have in our own countries are better fought together, on an international level. Only if we stand together, we can fight capitalism and get further on our way towards a socialist world. IUSY can play a big part in getting us to our goal, if we work together.

My main political field is education, as I come from the socialist student’s union. It is a vital fight of our time to provide free and equal high-quality education for everyone around the world, not just the rich elite class. The liberate the working class and all marginalized groups, the main tool must be education. IUSY must focus on educational matters even more and reach out actively to our many grassroot members. Using the strength of IUSY’s numerous activists, we can fight for a better future for all of us.

My second political passion is the rights of LGBTQIAP+ people as they are still being massively discriminated in most countries. I believe that we can change that through education. We need to start within our own organizations to help spread the necessity of equal rights beyond the sexual orientation and gender. Here also, it is essential to reach out to grassroot members to develop ideas and bring us further in addressing queer topics. My political project for the upcoming period will be to emphasize IUSY’s work in one of these two topics.

IUSY, being an extremely diverse umbrella organization, can truly change something in this world. Through campaigns, seminars and working groups IUSY can connect people from different parts of the world, educate their members and promote social change and equality. Socialism can only be achieved with internationalism, so we all must support a strong and powerful IUSY, where we support each other.

Socialist Regards,
Julius Jandl

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