



# Mariam Asghari

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## **Selection of political background & experience**

- 2014 - Member of the Social Democratic Party of Sweden and SSU
- 2014-2016 - Leadership of local SSU club
- 2017-2020 - Board member of the SSU Stockholm district
- 2018 - Candidate for the Swedish parliament and the municipality Parliamentary, general and local elections
- 2019 - IUSY Global Seminar, first formal participation
- 2021–Present - National board member of SSU, member of SSUs international committee

## **Selection of professional experience**

- PR Consultant: advisor for the media and communication strategies with the youth as target group, for public authorities, private organisations, companies and private sector
- Political advisor: local social democratic party districts
- Youth Coordinator: operative and administrative for two non-political and national NGOs working with youth engagement
- Ombudsman: organisational and educational activities promoting children's rights and progressive social policies

## **Selection of relevant educational background**

- Present: Södertörn University, journalism with social sciences, and specialisation in history
- Campus Bommersvik, Bommersviksakademien: leadership training programme



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# Letter of motivation

Dear comrades,

With over a decade experience of active political engagement - from the grassroots movement, to the national and international platforms, I am now running for the position as a Vice President of the IUSY presidium. My activism and political engagement has always been driven by a deep commitment to international solidarity and transformative political action. Throughout my journey, I have gained extensive experience in leadership, organizing youth, advocacy, building international partnerships and implementing the actual policies.

With wholehearted dedication, I now seek to channel my knowledge and experiences into IUSY. I'm committed to work together with rest of the presidium and member organisations across all countries to further strengthen the bonds that allow us to build a just and equal world - a mission more urgent today than ever before.

One of IUSY's greatest strengths is that we exist and we are active all across the world. This is not just a symbolic power, but it is the real foundation that enables us to be a force for true change. Together we carry the collective experience of injustice, that is expressed differently depending on our economic and social class, where in the world we live, and who we are. But we also carry the collective political sharpness and analysis, grounded in the everyday realities of young people across the globe.

This gives us the unique strength: the ability to break down the injustices we face, to strategically and courageously challenge today's political structures that's rooted in injustice. To challenge political structures locally, nationally, and most importantly internationally, united as a global movement. Our experiences and knowledge combined, we form a force that no institution or government can replicate.

But to achieve this, we must start with a continued strong IUSY. An IUSY that holds together, that works with and for each other, across borders, languages, and experiences. I deeply believe that my experience, motivation, and commitment to collective empowerment can contribute to further strengthening IUSY to be the progressive, brave, and united force the world needs today. It would be an honor to dedicate my time and energy to this movement as a Vice President.

With sincere hope for your trust and support, I look forward to contribute fully to our shared cause.

Sincerely,

Mariam Asghari

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# Formal Letter of Nomination

SSU Sweden, on behalf of the entire FNSU, hereby nominates **Mariam Asghari** for the position of Vice President in the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY).

We strongly believe that Mariam, with her extensive experience in organizational work within SSU and the Swedish Social Democratic Party, possesses the necessary qualifications to be a valuable member of the Presidium. She would assume the role with a broad international network across member organizations worldwide.

Furthermore, Mariam has previously served as a member of the YES Bureau, an experience that we believe further strengthens her suitability and adds value to the Presidium team.

We therefore give our full and confident recommendation to the IUSY World Council to elect Mariam Asghari to the position of Vice President of the International Union of Socialist Youth.



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Diyar Cicek

Secretary General, SSU Sweden

