Application for the ISYY Executive Board 2027

Dear Members of the Representative Council,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the ISYY Executive Board for 2027, particularly in the areas of Social Policy, International Affairs, and Environment and Development Cooperation.

I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Policy and Law at the University of Eastern Finland. Before coming to Finland, I worked as a lawyer and legal manager in Iran for more than 16 years. Throughout my professional career, I was involved in legal matters, negotiations, regulatory issues, and working with people from different backgrounds. These experiences taught me the importance of listening carefully, understanding different perspectives, and finding practical solutions to problems.

Moving to Finland and becoming a student again has been a significant change in my life. It has also given me the opportunity to experience university life from a new perspective. As an international student, I have become more aware of the challenges that students may face when adapting to a new educational system, learning a new language, and trying to become part of a new community.

I believe that a university should be more than a place where students attend classes and earn degrees. It should also be a community where everyone feels welcome, respected, and encouraged to participate, regardless of their nationality, background, or personal circumstances.

My academic interests are closely connected to environmental justice, social equality, and the relationship between public institutions and society. I am particularly interested in how students can have a stronger voice in decisions that affect their education, well-being, and everyday lives.

I would like to contribute to ISYY by bringing together my professional experience, academic interests, and personal perspective as an international student. At the same time, I see this opportunity as a chance to learn more about Finnish student organisations, work with people from different backgrounds, and become more actively involved in university life.

I understand that serving on the Executive Board requires time, commitment, teamwork, and responsibility. I am willing to take these responsibilities seriously and contribute as much as I can.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be grateful for the opportunity to contribute to ISYY and work towards a more inclusive, supportive, and active student community.

Kind regards,

Yalda Mozaffarian