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## ISU Norway Work Plan 2018-2019

The Work Plan is the organization's guidelines for prioritization of work in the coming period. The action plan will outline what issues are relevant and important during the period, in line with the political context and the internal processes of the organization.

## ISU Priorities for 2018-2019

Below are the points that will be prioritized by the national administration for ISU Norway 2018/2019.

### Financial Independence

Today ISU Norway has two sources of income. The national office budget comes from the Ministry of Education (KD) and the local branch finances come from LNU Frifond. All financial transactions must be done according to ISU Norway's constitutional interests.

- Continue to apply to LNU Frifond for new national initiatives for ISU Norway.
- Explore and secure other long-term sources of funding for ISU Norway.
- Find funding solutions for full-time positions in national leadership
- Seek for financial support from companies, unions, embassies on events etc.

### Career development

It is important for international students to start to develop their career in Norway to be a future working resource in Norwegian society.

- Free Norwegian classes with credits for international students as a part of their study in Norway.
- Allocate 1 day of either LM1 or LM2 to career development workshops for international student leaders.
- Approach companies and embassies to create a collaboration to offer internships to international students.

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## Quality in Education

- Equal opportunities in education ISU considers equal rights and equal opportunities in education regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability and socio-economic background as a natural part of all the points in the action plan. ISU shall work to spread internationalization at home and equal opportunities in education in Norway through cooperation with other partner organizations e.g SIU, ANSA and NSO.

## Local Branches

ISU should be a dynamic organization that mobilizes wide support. ISU's objective of the organization is to engage and mobilize members throughout the organization, regardless of the cause and time.

- Work for organizing a national level Kick Off camp in autumn.
- Continue to develop and promote the ISU continuity handbook.
- Establish regional cooperation among local branches.
- Support local branch activity towards action plan and resolutions.

## Establishing and strengthening relationships with stakeholders

- ISU Norway will continue to strengthen and establish relationships with embassies in Norway to promote the welfare of international students per the ISU Embassy initiative guidelines.
- ISU Norway will continue to strengthen relationships and collaborate with its partners on areas of common interest.

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## Visibility

- ISU Norway will work towards increasing its visibility on social platforms.
- ISU Norway will continue to send out newsletters once a month to update partners, local Branches, and other interested parties.
- ISU Norway is to work more on designing marketing materials to distribute.
- ISU Norway will take one month of the academic year to display stories of ISU Alumni.
- ISU Norway will re-establish the ISU magazine for publishing at least quarterly

## Student Permit Issues

- ISU will work according to the Immigration Regulation resolution to improve the immigration process for international students.
- That the cost of student visa has to be affordable for international students.
- That the subsistence money demanded by UDI be made flexible instead of a one off.
- That the 20 working hours a week be adjusted upwards to match the increasing cost of living in Norway

## Inclusion

- ISU will create awareness about the inclusion of international students through “Norway Talks”.
- ISU will continuously work towards creating inclusion projects through LNU initiatives.

## Housing and Banking

- ISU will lobby for international students continue getting prioritized in student housing.
- ISU will lobby for increased investment in student housing for all to the student welfare associations
- That all social amenities such as gyms and sport facilities and cafeterias be made affordable to international students
- That ISU will lobby with Banks in Norway to establish a less burueacratic system for banking accounts

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## Political Work

The political work of ISU should focus on:

- Working to protect international students' rights through active political work with ISU's partner organizations and official institutions.
- Keeping the principle of free education with no tuition fees.
- Establish a funding scheme for full-degree opportunities for students from developing countries.
- ISU Norway shall keep an open line of communication to political youth parties in a non-partisan way to further ISU's political priorities.
- Work with the youth political parties to create a plan on how it is possible to bridge the gap for new international students cause by the discontinuation of the Quota scheme program.

## Solidarity

- Support and strengthen the Students at Risk program across the higher education institutions in Norway.
- Seek to work with stakeholders on supporting education of refugees in Norway
- Support academic freedom at all levels globally.