

International Youth Leadership Committee Report
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Established in early 2022, the Youth Leadership committee of the DSA International Committee has sought to integrate YDSA into the International Committee, the official body delegated to support International work. As socialists in the belly of the beast we take seriously our obligation to build international connections with worker's parties and socialist organizations across the globe. We do this not just out of a moral obligation to build linkages of international solidarity and to oppose American imperialism but also to take inspiration & lessons for our own struggle against capitalism and the global ruling class.

To this end, and in accordance with Resolution 6 of the 2021 YDSA Convention "Committing to International Solidarity with Student and Youth Socialists," the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of YDSA approved the establishment of the Youth Leadership Committee of the DSA International Committee in early 2022. Since then, members of the committee have joined the DSA International Committee as rank and file members of subcommittees, supported the organizing of YDSA specific international calls with UK Young Labor, and Australian Young Labor Left, organized an "Intro to Irish Unity" event with Ógra Sinn Féin, and begun planning a YDSA specific report back from the May DSA delegation to Brazil.

The first call coordinated with the UK Young Labor and the Australian Young Labor Left was in February in response to the [AUKUS deal](#), a clear escalation on behalf of the US in the [Cold War](#) on China, where Leena Y (at-large NCC) spoke towards a democratic socialist alternative to western imperialism, racist fearmongering, and US escalation. We continued developing this relationship with another event in June focused on migration and refugee justice where a member of our committee, Sheen K, spoke to the ongoing border violence inflicted by the United States, and presented a thoughtful overview of what refugee justice means and how capitalism stands in the way of our pursuit toward it.

We are also looking forward to our event with Ógra Sinn Féin, the youth section of Sinn Féin, on July 2nd. Sinn Fein saw historic victories in May of this past year winning a plurality of seats in Northern Ireland's legislature. At this event, we are excited to continue to develop ydsa's collective political analysis of Irish Republicanism, electoral strategy, and ultimately how we can expand the socialist project rooting ourselves in working class communities.

NCC member and committee liaison James E-T was a member of the DSA delegation to Brazil, alongside NPC members Ashik S., Kristian H., and Sofia G., IC Americas subcommittee co chair Jana S., and Maryland House Delegate Gabriel Acevero. The delegation met with various members, leaders and elected officials of the Workers' Party (PT), including former president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. The delegation also met with leaders in the Socialism and Liberty Party (PSOL), visited housing occupations organized by the "landless workers movement" (MTST & MST), heard directly from survivors of the military dictatorship, and met with leaders of the largest confederation of unions in Brazil (CUT).

As representative of YDSA, James developed connections with the Youth PT (Juventude PT), leaders in the national union of undergraduates (UNE), and the Union of Socialist Youth (UJS), the youth section of the Communist Party of Brazil (PCdoB). A series of zoom report backs will commence in late june with members of the delegation and contacts made over the course of the trip.