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Quality Education for all! Appeal to spend more money on education!

In the run up to the parliamentary elections the GEW exerts pressure for more money to be spent on education – and we are not alone! The GEW won over numerous civil society organisations to support the appeal, which we are now making public. The appeal is a first step in our joint commitment in favour of more money for education!

Quality Education means Education for All

Germany needs more and better education for all people. Age, background, gender, disabilities or the social status may not lead to inferior education opportunities. Only if these conditions are met Germany will be able to effectively implement the human right to education. Quality education is indispensable for our society: for personal development, for living and working with dignity, for an education for tolerance and assuming responsibility and thus an active democratic participation in the development of our society. Education has to be guided by learning to think and act in a sustainable manner, by mutual appreciation and respect. The general framework for children, youths and adults must be fair, just and permeable. In no other state does educational success depend to such an extent on the parents' income and educational level. This has to change!

We need to extend and advance education. An offensive for the expansion of education in terms of quality and quantity is called for.

Quality Education requires time and space

What we need in Germany is more time and more space for education and learning. Children, youths and adults need an environment that supports learning and is appealing and motivating. The facilities should support joint and individual learning and the equipment should allow for up-to-date pedagogical concepts. The reality in our day care centres, schools, in higher and further education often looks differently. The necessary investments for school buildings alone would cost a two-digit billion amount of Euros.

Quality Education requires personnel

Through employees in education and science, children, youths as well as young and older adults can get access to the world. Yet: groups and classes are often too big. Professionals in education need time in order to commit themselves to individual and joint learning and for consulting and exchange. The increasing shortage of personnel in education is alarming. It is also a consequence of cuts on Federal, "Länder" and community levels, the missing attractiveness of pedagogical professions and the lack of training capacities in education. This, too, affects the education of children, youths and adults. Many people in higher and

further education and increasingly in day care centres and schools only get fixed-term contracts. Especially in further education many work as freelancers without social security. There should be permanent jobs for permanent tasks for all employees in education and science. Moreover, additional tasks require additional staff. Good working conditions are a precondition for successful education.

Quality education requires money

We need more money for education. For only then will it be possible to implement the right to quality education for all. That means above all:

- improved quality in day care centres, in order to facilitate successful education from the start comprehensive education and training for children and youths
- implementing the right to inclusive schooling with adequate equipment as to space and staff
- optional professional qualification
- expansion of basic funding for higher education, improved staff-student ratio as well as a reform of the Federal Training Assistance Act (BAföG)
- best possible education for adults incl. basic education for so-called functional illiterates
- successful integration of refugee and asylum seeking children, youths and adults
- sufficiently financed public training opportunities
- facilitating the access to further education
- a quality full-time offer (multi-professional, expansion of school social work, facilities, personnel)
- investments in building refurbishment, construction and equipment
- equipment for learning in a digitalised world
- coping with the main problem in education, the lack of qualified personnel
- time for further education and consulting

There is enough money. Therefore, we appeal to the candidates standing for parliament:

- **Don't leave the "Länder" and communities alone in implementing the right to quality education for all**
- **Provide more money so that the Federal government, the "Länder" and communities will be able to continuously fulfil this essential task for our society. Because: **It all begins with quality education!****



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