

6. RESOLUTION: EDUCATION IS A RIGHT!

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As socialists we are aware of the fact, that education is one of the most important tools to beat social inequalities. People with better education are less endangered of unemployment. The access to good public education must be guaranteed by the state in order to educate everyone.

But not just the latest OECD "Education at a glance" study shows clearly, that the socio-economic background of a child still determines the access to education. This phenomenon starts in Kindergarten and is a life-long companion. Especially the access to higher education is limited for young people with fewer resources. Upwards mobility is rare among OECD countries.

As we reach the 10th year of the crisis we're faced with social problems, unemployment and resulting from it a europe-wide enforcement of (far) right movements and parties. Investments in education are a key to help solve those problems.

The European Union must take it's social responsibility serious and work towards an accessible education for all.

Thus, the Congress of the Young European Socialists fights for equal rights for every young person to access (higher) education. Education is a right the public hand has to guarantee, therefore as Young European Socialists we demand:

- Free and equal access to all educational institutions for all, disregarding social standing;
- No hidden costs in education, including costs of school material, school trips and exams;
- (School) students to have access to means of gaining knowledge outside formal education, including facilitated access to cultural institutions, cultural products and extra-curricular activities;
- All (school) students belonging to a linguistic, religious or cultural minority to have the same equal access to quality education without any discrimination;
- Education given to every child and young person in a country, including also asylum seekers;
- Counselling and career guidance offered to all young people finishing one stage of their education, making it possible for them to take well-informed decisions regarding their future education or career.
- Inclusive Environment, Accessibility to educational spaces
- Inclusive teaching methods