

DECLARATION 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ISDUE (OPORTO)

50 years after the foundation of ISDUE, on our congress in Oporto the new developments (globalisation, market-economic dynamics, information-technology, and growing tendency to „elbow-society“) force us to state the following:

- Education is not a privilege but a human right
- All men have the right of information, knowledge and success in education
- We demand the best education for all, for which purpose the state has to guarantee the framework for and the quality of education
- It is our aim, that all human beings on the world should be offered equal chances for education and the necessary support for the development of their individual resources

We identify ourselves with the SI, who states in its declaration „**50 years of solidarity**“ (2001), that the causes of inequality and injustice have grown: *„If in the past the causes of inequality and injustice were property and control of ground (soil) and industry, so is it today the ownership of knowledge and the control of information (flusses)“*

For us Socialists & Social Democrats it goes without saying that we want to create human capital by consequent human and democratic education. This means to invest newly in education again and again. This is a question of international solidarity too.

Education has to remain in the responsibility of the state, because only the state is able to ensure the right of education for all.

ISDUE restrains against short sighted non reflected economical cuts in the field of education for they will unresistingly lead to a back step.

We stand up against short cuts of expenditure in education mainly in conservative governed countries, by which education privileges are restored which we had believed already overcome.

We stick to our principles in education policy:

- education for all, that means open, free access to all institutions of education for all
- education and work are inevitable for the self realisation of a human being
- education is necessary, to defend the working people die, to improve their conditions of work and living and to enable their self realisation.
- education and qualification only make sense, if they lead to social justice, equality of chances and integration.

The basic principles for further development of a human and with that a learning society are:

solidarity, democratisation and participation, integration, internationalism and orientation on life.

We are convinced - shall manhood survive - , human powers like solidarity and creativity must be stronger in the end than the pure logic of market and the egoism of the elbow society.

Proclamation (Appeal)

We want a just world and a just society with equal chances in education for all. Peace, freedom, equality, justice and solidarity, the basic values of this society can only develop sustainable, if those who are responsible for politics, culture, education and religion live them themselves and thus teach the young generation.

Therefore we call upon all democratic orientated people of all countries, especially those who are responsible in the SI, to put the development of solidarity and the creation of human capital into the centre of all efforts and make education a priority, with all the necessary consequences (budget sector)!

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