

Students stand against Madame Karliczek's abysmal policies

After months of ongoing crisis, due to the corona-pandemic, students are still desperately awaiting help from the state. And still, Madame Karliczek insists on her mislead solutions to the problem: A trap, disguised as a student loan, and a mere 100 million Euros for the student service organisations are regarded as sufficient. Meanwhile, more students than ever are living on the bare existential minimum and are struggling to continue their studies. Thus, students from all over Germany will stand against Madame Karliczek and her ministries delusional policies in Berlin, on Saturday, 20th of June.

An equal cry for help was made on Monday, 8th of June, when students took to the streets in over a dozen of cities. These protests gained lots of attention and sympathy. It is disappointing to note that Madame Karliczek did not use this moment to rethink her so called solution.

"The widely advertised platform to request financial support is finally online, after several missed deadlines. It is still up to anyone's guess when the money will arrive at the students' bank accounts", says Eugen Esman, chair of the AStA of the University of Cologne. "It is despicable, that Madame Karliczek poses at a meeting with the press, considering that she went to work after months of inaction. And even now, her work is not even remotely sufficient!"

The Berlin protests are organized by several groups representing students from the Solidarsemester coalition, including an extensive participation of the AStA of the University of Cologne. The solidarity of organisations and groups from all over the country shows that Madame Karliczek has failed on every step.

Jan Gärtner, heads of division for political affairs at the AStA: "On April 30, Ms Karliczek held a press conference entitled 'We support students in need'. Unfortunately, not much of this support has been received by the students to date. As a reaction to this, my AStA colleague Isabell contacted me and asked if we could go the BMBF in Bonn for a small demonstration. The idea developed further to the nationwide demonstrations on 08.06.2020. Now we're going to Berlin, not for fun, but because we're still dissatisfied!"
It is frustrating, that still our demands must remain the same: Immediate relief for students, grants instead of loans!