

Quality Education

Dear adults,

Quality education is something that seems so easily achievable, yet one of the hardest things to access in the world today.

Firstly, let's start with the facts. Last year, 264 million kids around the world were deprived of an education. Something as simple as school, is so difficult to have access to in so many different countries. How would you feel if your child's basic needs and necessities were withdrawn from them? How would you feel as a parent?

You might be wondering why so many countries are lacking education for children. Here's a few main reasons: economic recessions, wars, extreme poverty; homelessness.

"But that only happens in developing countries, what about the UK? My child isn't affected."

Well that is where your wrong, I'm afraid. In 'higher class' countries such as England, America and Canada, education is STILL a struggle for a lot of people. Grammar schools and Private schools are often ranked higher than public schools and deemed as a more quality level of education. However, private school tuition fees cost thousands a year, and grammar schools take a lot of tutoring to get into.

Either way, to get a quality education costs a lot of money. Whether that's in Africa or Europe.

Education is important for pupils because it opens endless opportunities that wouldn't be available without the help of school. These can be as simple as making friends or as huge as getting a secure job. Schools help children prepare for the future and help us develop social skills.

And now that I've got you on board you may be asking,
"Can't the government help? Why won't they do something?"

Yes, the government could make a huge difference by opening more schools, investing more money into them and helping teachers get a higher pay. Unfortunately, they claim they haven't got enough money. Well, time to head over to the statistics again. In 2019 the UK government only spent 4.3% of the national income on education. Even upping the statistic to 4.5% would make a huge difference in pupils' performance, decrease the number of children without an education and help teachers with their paycheck enormously.

Now, you might be wondering if there's anything YOU can do to help...
Well there is.

Online, there are so many different charities than you can support by learning more about this issue, donating, or even starting a fund raiser. One of my favorite organizations are Justice Rising, you can find out more about them online.

Now that you've reached the end, hopefully I've been able to teach you a few things. Please keep researching and donating. Together we can make a change.

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