

SAY IT YOUR WAY!

Had enough? Want to do something about the state of student debt in this country? Not sure how? Well this is your chance to express your opinion in your favourite medium. Add your voice to the growing dissatisfaction with user pays and student debt. And the best thing is, you can say it any way you want.

You could:

Write a poem

Write a song

Perform your song

Make a film

Make a documentary

Make a poster

Organise a protest

Or whatever else you can dream of

The choice is yours.

But whatever you do, remember to tell us about it and you could win a prize.

Check out the website for further details and entry forms for the Say It Your Way competition.

END THE BURDEN!

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.dropdebttoday.com

www.emancipating-education-for-all.org

<http://www.nzusa.org.nz/>

www.alliance.org.nz

This is a true story from someone with a student loan.

"I am a single person with a mortgage on a government wage. I pay a minimum of \$110 a pay off my student loan. I have cut everything back to the bone including cutting off my land line and push biking the 30 km to work everyday to save money.

I am still forced to go to my mothers each week because I do not have enough money left over for much in the way of food. That \$110 plus a pay would go a long way to allowing me to get some pride back as a contributing member of society, not a drain on my semi-retired

HAD ENOUGH?

- STUDENT DEBT \$10 BILLION AND CLIMBING!
- STUDENT FEES RISING YEARLY!
- IS YOUR LOAN PREVENTING YOU FROM GETTING AHEAD?
- GOVERNMENTS NOT LISTENING?

WHAT'S YOUR DEBT AT?

WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

THEN KEEP READING...



The average student will be starting their working lives with a nearly \$30,000 debt hanging around their necks.

Students are now looking beyond the student loan scheme, to bank loans, overdrafts, and credit cards to pay for essential living costs.

It will take many years to pay off your student loan.

The idea of a student debt prevents many able New Zealanders from taking on a tertiary education.

Student loan repayments prevent many people from being able to save for a house deposit.

Only by making education free can we hope to encourage more people into higher education providing a more secure future for all New Zealanders.

It is time the government started investing in students and investing in the future of New Zealand.

Source:
www.nzherald.co.nz "Average

BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

There are many things you can do to get involved in this campaign. However, the more you do to raise awareness of this issue the better. You can:

- Sign the petition (available on the website).
- Send an email to the PM about the rising levels of student debt.
- Send a postcard.
- Tell others about student debt.
- Make a link between your web page and the campaign site.
- Send a letter or postcard from the website.
- Distribute copies of this pamphlet to all the interested people you know.
- Organise the collection of signatures by holding a stall or other activity.
- Publicise the Say It Your Way competition.
- Make an entry for the competition.
- Make some noise.
- Write to your local MP stating that you will only vote for a party that has the removal of fees and loans as part of their policy platform.

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