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Measures to relieve students of the consequences of inflation

The increased cost of living has been a burden for many people for months, especially those with very limited financial resources. This also largely includes students at risk of poverty, for whom the economic situation has brought many restrictions.

It is not news that the so-called one-off payment of €200 was at best a drop in the ocean. The Niedersachsen-Menü, the daily meal for €2.50, on the other hand, is more effective support for students. "Such offers must now be stabilised and expanded," says AStA spokesperson Elisabeth Tacke. The discounted meal has helped to take the pressure off, as many students get their main meal from the canteen.

Nevertheless, further relief measures are of course needed. Rents in university cities in particular are still so high that they severely restrict students. At the same time, various student organisations have been experiencing financial bottlenecks for years and complain about a lack of financial support from the state government. Their funding has long needed to be increased. The fact that, for example, for years the refurbishment of student residences has no longer had to be covered by the state, but by the student unions, is a scandal. The student unions are chronically underfunded, which is to the detriment of the students.

The AStA of the University of Lüneburg is therefore clearly in favour of sustainable funding for the structures that have been set up to support students financially and socially.