



BASIC INCOME WATERLOO REGION

BASIC INCOME: FOR AN INCLUSIVE CANADA

WHAT IS BASIC INCOME?

- A Basic Income is money provided regularly by the government that ensures that all Canadians can meet their basic needs, participate in society and live with dignity regardless of work status



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Increases financial security for all Canadians and businesses
- Every Canadian has money for housing, food and other basic needs
- A predictable income stimulates spending which is essential for the economy
- Improves our individual and collective health and well-being
- Would replace social assistance programs that trap people in poverty
- All basic income models are affordable, www.basicincomecanada.org/policy_options



WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- Learn more about Basic Income at www.basicincomecanada.org and the Ontario Basic Income Network at www.obin.ca
- Let local politicians, your MPP or MP know how important a basic income is to you
- Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @BasicIncomeWR  

WHY DO WE NEED IT NOW?

- Canadians who work in precarious and gig jobs do not have access to employment insurance or paid sick leave
- Jobs are changing and we need to train for new jobs
- Some jobs will never return due to business closures or due to automation
- Our economy needs a program that minimizes gaps and leaves no one behind
- Current social programs do not reward people for looking for work
- Similar programs are operating now that are effective (e.g. Canadian Child Benefit, Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors, Old Age Security)



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

- Adopt a program which is available to all Canadians over age 18
- Monitor, measure, evaluate, and improve

