

Call for Participation for the 10th International Basic Income Week
18 to 24 September 2017

Enough! For everyone – here and everywhere!

Unconditional Basic Income is affordable. There is enough for everyone! We only need to challenge and change the existing distribution of wealth!

Nowadays, everyone needs an income – for being able to live and to work. A real Unconditional Basic Income is not a neoliberal austerity measure for the few who currently appropriate natural resources and the wealth created by the paid and unpaid work of earlier and present generations. Basic income builds a solid basis for the welfare state.

Austerity and tax competition as a rat race to the bottom are no natural laws. Therefore:
Redistribute wealth – here and everywhere!

We invite activists around the world to contribute to our action week for Unconditional Basic Income (UBI).

The Basic Income Week is a self-organized participatory week. A lot can be done: from spreading the news to organizing your own event. We can help with finding presenters and promoting your event with our shared website <http://basicincomeweek.org>. Your contribution in form of time, money or ideas is very welcome. Get in touch with your regional or international coordination team.

Contact

International: <http://basicincomeweek.org/contact-form>

What is Unconditional Basic Income?

As a legal right, UBI is a regular income paid by a political community to all its members from cradle to grave.

Universal: UBI is paid to all, without means test. It is not subject to income, savings or property limits. Every person, irrespective of age, descent, place of residence, profession etc. will be entitled to receive this allocation.

Individual: Everyone has the right to UBI on an individual basis as this is the only way to ensure privacy and to prevent control over other individuals. UBI will be independent of marital status, cohabitation or household configuration, or of the income or property of other household or family members.

Unconditional: As a human right UBI shall not depend on any preconditions, whether an obligation to take paid employment, to demonstrate willingness-to-work, to be involved in community service, or to behave according to any gender roles.

High enough: The amount shall provide for a decent standard of living, which meets society's social and cultural standards in the country concerned. It will prevent material poverty and provide the opportunity to participate in society and to live in dignity.

We emphasize that UBI shall not replace the compensatory welfare state but rather complete and transform it into an emancipatory welfare system.