

Guaranteed Living Income Toronto Newsbreeze September 11, 2016

HSAG meeting of Sept 8

1) 8 people in attendance.

2) About TTC. People seem to have given up on negotiation. It is obvious the TTC is being sabotaged. Why?

We take note of the deputation training on September 13 and the "race to the bottom" event of September 28.

It is asked why we support TTC? Answer; so they will support us.

There was some discussion of bad service and bad TTC drivers. Someone dislikes putting unions down. However, unions are not infallible. "They" did not by themselves create 8 hour days, etc. Unions often discredit themselves by protecting those who victimize the public, like bad TTC operators and crooked Toronto Housing employees.

3) About the Guaranteed Living Income event of October 6th. The meeting will be cancelled for that day. HSG will meet at Ralph Thornton Center. We can get posters and leaflets printed.

4) We will make some GLI buttons. Someone will bring a button machine next meeting on sept 22 and we can turn out buttons as we talk.

5) We will staff a table at health week event at Riverdale Community. 5 to 7 PM. GLI/ BITO stuff can be given out at the same time.

Here are some interesting links to check out.

This is something more on the "experiment" in Finland. It really is a very limited test and all the Finnish government seems to be concerned with is whether people will keep on working.

<http://futurism.com/thousands-to-receive-basic-income-in-finland/>

Here is a very well thought out analysis of the application of a BI. The problem with the worldwide BI/GLI movement really has been the lack of a clear set of founding principles. It is an inevitable thing, but could be a good thing or a bad thing. People need to fight to make sure it is a good thing.

<http://www.techworld.com/personal-tech/universal-basic-income-requires-its-own-set-of-founding-principles-3645963/?platform=hootsuite>

More on John Clarke from OCAP and his dislike of BI/GLI. In his discussion at CRC, he mentioned a trip he was going to make to the UK later that month. Here is what he was talking about. He has always had this thing about building international coalitions.

http://www.morningstaronline.co.uk/a-415a-Why-Ive-travelled-3,500-miles-to-join-DPACs-week-of-action?utm_source=ISAC+Media+%26+Policy+News&utm_campaign=e906a31e03-Media+and+Policy+News+emails&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_342c280cbe906a31e03-140445945#.V9NOhIUUXy9

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I just wrote something interesting too. Find it on my blog at <http://blog.livingrant.ch/>

Basically, I am saying that people in Ontario should look with profound skepticism on this Ontario BI/GLI experiment. I am concerned that a conference of BI activists get together as soon as possible, not waiting for Auntie Wynne, and lay out a position on "pilots" basically against pilots. We want the real thing, right now.

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It looks like we have a show to go on October 6th.

Robyn, after refining her presentation based on experiences presenting it to HSAG, is ready to make a present of it to the wider world. Jon Sanderson of BITO is eager to make a video of this.

We have a place in which to do it, and a date. All we need now are cheering multitudes to provide a suitable backdrop. Toward that, Jon promises to pound the event very hard on Facebook.

The HSAG and Ralph Thornton Center people will print some leaflets and posters and some leaflet and poster blitzes can be organized soon.

A web site for the event is now up and running, and can be found at <http://www.livingrant.ch/oct6.html> Masters for the poster and leaflets can be found there.