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Guaranteed Living Income Toronto Newsbreeze September 18

Next BITO meeting is September 20, at Metro Hall, 55 John street, room 304. If everyone is happy with this venue it will become the permanent meeting place.

No agenda yet for the meeting. However, we hear that councilor Layton will not be able to make it to the October meeting.

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The Health and Strength Action Group will be at the usual time and place; 1:30 to 3:30 on September 22, at Riverdale Community Health center, 955 Queen street East.

There will be a button making jambouree and some planning for the October 6th event.

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About BIG pushes and creating resilient organizations

One of our strongest HSAG members sent on some materials she found about the BIG push meeting in Burlington a couple of years ago. This led me to a productive trip down memory lane. All this is worth passing on.

Robyn's report is here

<http://www.livingrant.ch/currentdocumentsfolder/Robyn's%20report%20on%20Big%20Push%20meeting%20Apr%2030.pdf>

BICN's report about it is here.

<http://www.livingrant.ch/currentdocumentsfolder/Big%20Push%20Report.pdf>

And these are my comments about it

<http://www.livingrant.ch/currentdocumentsfolder/comment.pdf>

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The YIMBY festival and interesting workshop

This looks very interesting, since we will be attending a lot of consultations in the near future. Workshop on "How to tell if a consultation is legitimate". BI/GLI people should be there taking notes?

<http://www.qaz.ca/calendar.html#s24c>

More on YIMBY festival; Should BI/GLI groups have a table at events like this?

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More about consultations

Let's break the cycle of endless studies and consultations <http://on.thestar.com/2cjVSc7> via @torontostar

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Here is something submitted by Matt, about the Change org. petition for BI.

Maybe some of you have seen this, there is a petition circulating on change.org addressed to the prime minister and federal government and MPs

<https://www.change.org/p/jean-yves-duclos-parl-gc-ca-a-basic-income-in-canada>

It already has an impressive 21,824 signatures, which is about 2.5 X as many supporters than those who have signed on to the basicincomecanada.org

Some members from BICN have reached out to the petition authors about collaborating. waiting to hear back with more info....

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comment on article

Someone sent in this comment on the blog article last week, at <http://blog.livingrant.ch/2016/09/08/a-position-on-the-ontario-basic-income-pilot-project/> , a position on the BI pilot Project.

Such a program will require a high minimum wage, rent controls, and a renewed housing program. All health care programs must remain and be enhanced. Provincial social welfare, no longer needed to deal with mass poverty, can be redirected toward hard core needs.

Tim,

Probably one of the best articles I read - probably the best, is the one you wrote on your own website. I think its amazing. So understandable, clear, unpacking multiple complex ideas, thanks!
To be a bit picky, I just wish you would point out here more explicitly:

"The present push within some governments to test out a Basic Income seems to come from a desire to preempt demand, to either discredit the idea, delay it until interest passes, or set in stone a very limited form of BI. —> do this I wish you would add, —> excuse for hollowing out the existing welfare system/leaving people worse off or in the same position. And I Think you know what I mean by this: to dismantle existing social security, save government cost on efficiency, but the outcome is the same rates of social security, if not less in some instances...

Have a great night,

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Very useful snippet about the BI Finland Experiment

The full article is found at <http://basicincome.org/news/2016/08/finland-governmental-announcement-basic-income-experiment-ministrys-comment-experts-concerns/>

The former president of BIEN Finland, Otto Lehto <http://www.ottolehto.com/> has some "nuanced" comments on the experiment, captured here; <http://www.livinggrant.ch/currentdocumentsfolder/lehto.pdf>

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Thats it for this week, folks! Its starting to get busier, all around.

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