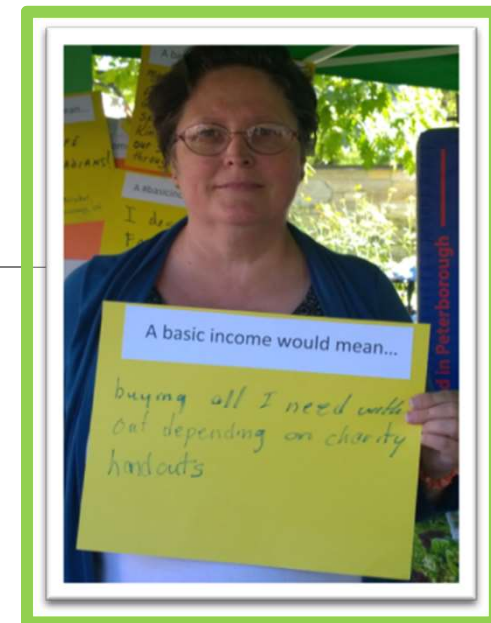


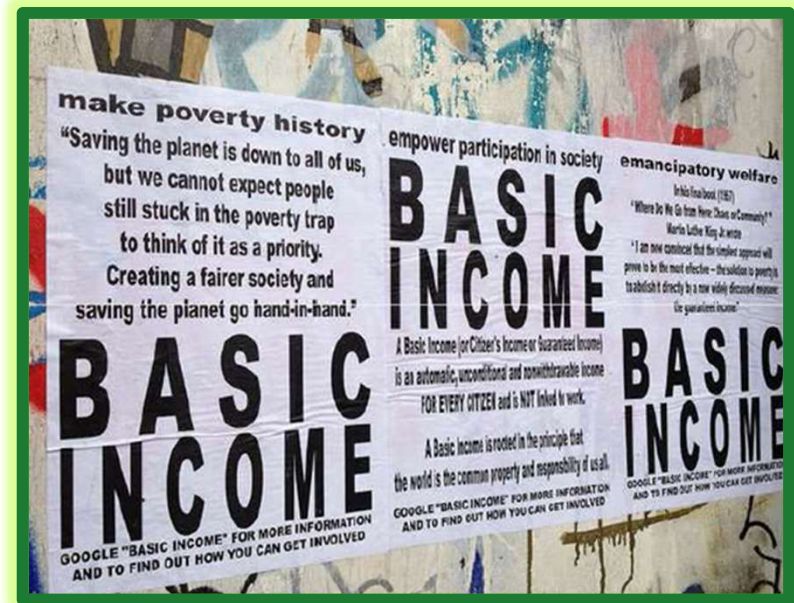
Building & Mobilizing Local Support for Basic Income

NABIG CONGRESS-2018



Why we decided to present...

- Our shared vision for Basic Income and NABIG themes
- Recognised value and power of local organizing
- To share our experiences and enthusiasm
- To encourage conversations about building & mobilizing local support



Basic Income Peterborough Network (BIPN)

Who we are

- Formed in 2015 at a grassroots workshop
- Response to depth of poverty in Peterborough
- Planning team of community volunteers and organization reps
- Dozens of supporters
- Linked to OBIN and BICN
- People coming together with a shared vision and commitment



Image from: <https://grassrootsinnovations.org>

Shared Vision

“The Basic Income We Want”



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An income
to meets
life's basic
needs



Our Goal

Build public support in the Peterborough area for a provincial & national

Basic Income Guarantee

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PUSH**

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What's the problem?

Almost **four million** Canadians live in poverty - one quarter are children.

Current income assistance programs trap recipients in **poverty**.


People working two or even three part-time jobs can't make ends meet.

What's a Basic Income Guarantee - BIG?

A BIG provides an **income sufficient for life's basic needs**, guaranteed by the government to **all**. Like **universal health care**, it's unconditional.

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Our activities are guided by three main objectives:

- Raise awareness
 - Secure and maintain support from local agencies and political leaders
 - Build capacity
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Awareness - Raising

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A Basic Income Guarantee means that everyone has an income that meets life's basic needs, guaranteed by the government to all.

Why is a Basic Income Guarantee better?

- Simpler to apply and administer
- Encourages paid and unpaid work
- Supports dignity and equality
- Proven to reduce poverty rates
- Proven to reduce health care costs

What can you do?

- Learn more about BIG and help spread the word
- Volunteer to help with our work locally
- Go to www.biencanada.ca to learn more

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Awareness - Raising



THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING
Directed by Avi Lewis
CAPITALISM VS. THE CLIMATE: A CALL TO ACTION
Sunday, January 31, 12:00 pm, Showplace

Awareness – Raising Web and Social Media



Imagine living in a country where everyone—regardless of work or employment status—could possess an income sufficient to live a happy, healthy, and dignified life.

That's the thinking behind the campaign for the **Basic Income Guarantee**. While the idea of a basic income isn't new, it is a proposal for policy change that is garnering international support as a way to reduce poverty and ensure income security in a rapidly changing world.


Since February 2015, Nourish has supported the work of the Basic Income Peterborough Network, a working group of community members committed to the promotion of a basic income in Peterborough.

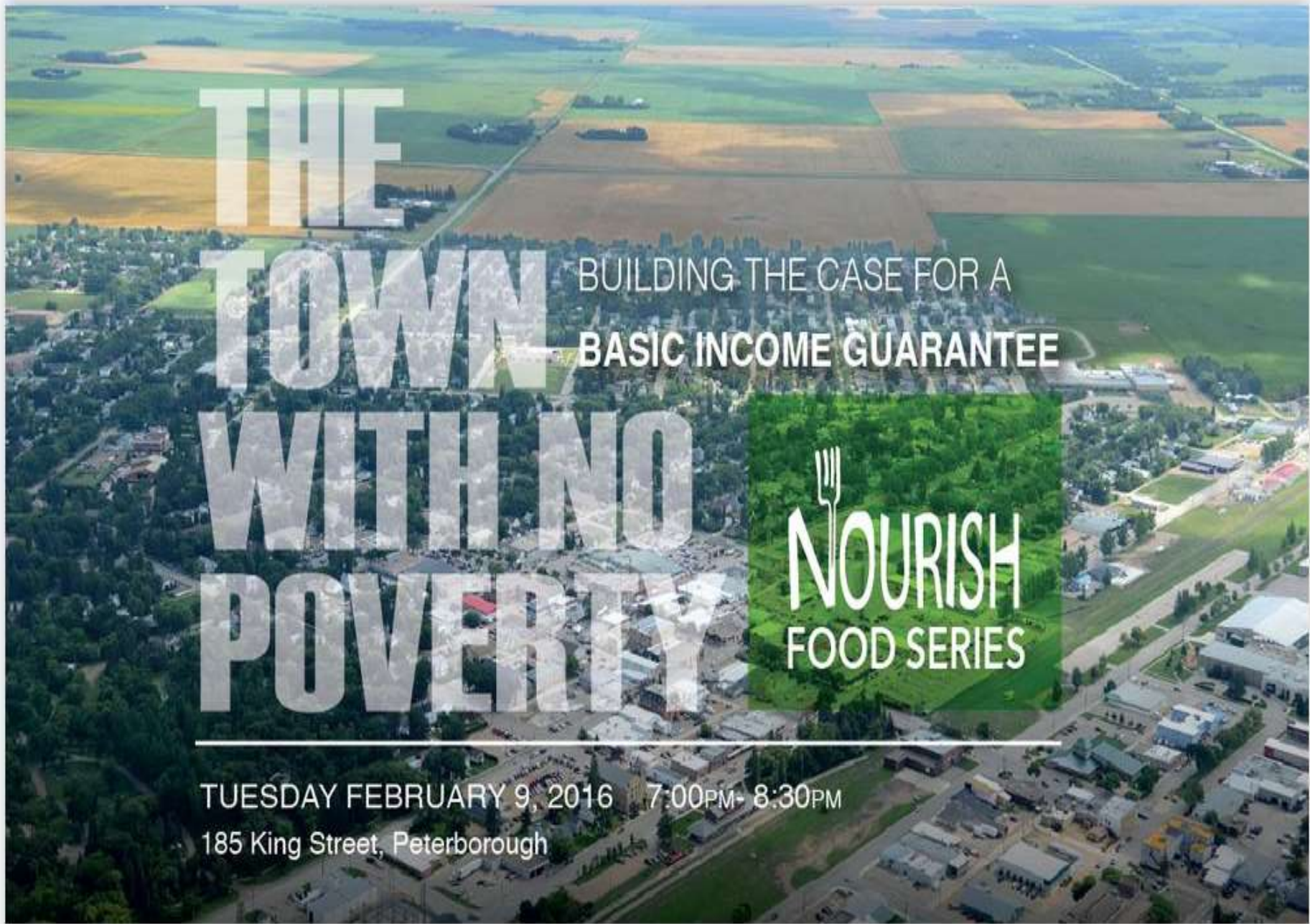
Interested in learning more about the local Network? Contact the campaign co-chairs at basicincome@nourishproject.ca



<http://nourishproject.ca/basic-income-peterborough-network>

Awareness - Raising

- Newspaper articles, newsletters
 - Community Webinar
 - Presentations to agencies, networks
 - Exciting speaker series
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THE TOWN WITH NO POVERTY

BUILDING THE CASE FOR A
BASIC INCOME GUARANTEE



NOURISH
FOOD SERIES

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2016 7:00PM- 8:30PM
185 King Street, Peterborough



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Awareness – Raising Speaker Series



BASIC INCOME & THE RIGHT TO HEALTHY FOOD

Monday October 16, 2017
7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Peterborough Public Health
185 King Street, Peterborough



Josephine Grey

**Human Rights Activist and founder of Low
Income Families Together**

Join us for a community talk that will
connect the dots between basic income
and the human right to food.



Awareness – Raising

Panel Discussion: Lindsay Basic Income Pilot Project

LINDSAY BASIC INCOME PILOT PROJECT

In April 2017, the provincial government launched a basic income pilot project. Out of 4000 participants in Ontario, half will come from Lindsay. This means that Lindsay is at the heart of this innovative pilot. What happens there will tell us how receiving higher incomes will impact not only the lives of people involved in the project, but also the community as a whole.

**THURSDAY
MAY 3, 2018
7:00pm-8:30pm**

Peterborough Public Health
185 King Street, Peterborough

The Basic Income
Peterborough Network
presents a panel
discussion about Lindsay's
Basic Income Pilot Project.

Free. All welcome.




Securing & Maintaining Support

- Developed a local BIPN Resolution → endorsements
- Arranged timely and ongoing meetings with municipal, provincial and federal representatives
- All-Candidates meetings, Political Party Resolutions
- Working to engage local business leaders

Municipal Endorsements



Education & Capacity-Building

- Learning from each other with mutual respect and appreciation
 - Local discussion group
 - Literature and media tracking
 - Contributing to Ontario Basic Income Network, Basic Income Canada Network
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Key Lessons Learned

Co-chair model & inclusive BIPN membership

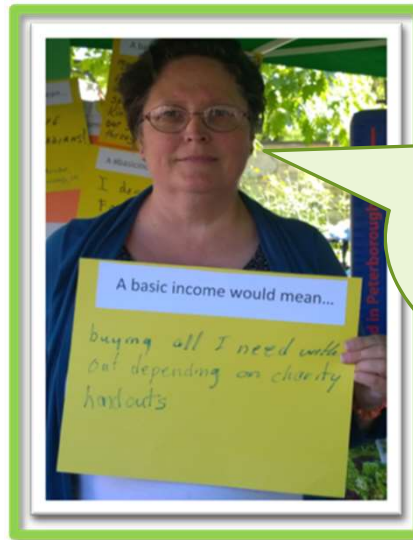
- Shared leadership & involvement of people from diverse backgrounds creates synergy
- Involvement of people with lived experience is key



Go to where people are

Create a culture of engagement

- How can we engage people in conversations about BI?
- Create opportunities for voices to be heard
 - e.g. community dinners with presentations; pop-up consultations at malls/shelters, attend festivals/events, BI videos, photo booth



Basic Income would mean... "buying everything I need without depending on charity handouts"

Keep building momentum & working for change

- Planning new activities/actions towards our goal:

e.g. Lindsay Basic Income Pilot panel, meeting with local provincial candidates, All Candidates meetings, working on updating and securing new endorsements



Make connections; working together

- Ontario Basic Income Network (OBIN), Basic Income Canada Network (BICN)
- Connecting with other local groups and learning from each other



Closing Comments

- Peterborough is experiencing the benefits and excitement of building & mobilizing local support for Basic Income
- People working side by side with a shared vision
- Hoping to contribute to conversations & learn from others about local organizing and building momentum



Image from: <https://livinglifeinbetween.wordpress.com/2015/04/02/the-consciousness-ripple-effect/>

More Information

Website:

<http://nourishproject.ca/basic-income-peterborough-network>

Facebook: Basic Income Peterborough Network

Twitter: #basicincomeptbo

Video of Panel Discussion: Lindsay Basic Income Pilot Project:

<https://youtu.be/O2rQTiTTAxQ>

Video of Dr. Forget's presentation: <http://www.nourishproject.ca/video/town-with-no-poverty>



Comments? Questions?

