

# 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 – to be able to live and to work to our full potential. 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. No 'natural' laws govern the current race to the bottom with austerity and tax competition. These are the result of policy choices, and we can choose different ones. Therefore we say: Redistribute the 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-organised participatory week. A lot can be done, from spreading the news to friends to organising your own event with films, speakers or creative action. We can help with finding presenters and promoting your event with our shared website <http://basicincomeweek.org>. We welcome new participants who can share time, money or ideas! Get in touch with your regional group or the international coordination team, and let us know what you decide to do!

**Contact** International: [basicincomeweek.org/contact-form](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.**