

## What will basic income achieve?

Everyone will have more security

Everyone will have an incentive to work

Everyone will have more flexibility over paid and unpaid activities

Everyone will have support for studying

Everyone will have support for caring for others

We'll all have a fairer distribution of income

## Who is basic income especially good for?

✓ Young People	✓ Carers
✓ Self Employed People and Entrepreneurs	✓ Artists
✓ Employed People	✓ Unemployed People

### Questions For You

Do you think a basic income would be good for your life? For more information on how basic income could help you, please see our website. [www.basicincomeireland.com](http://www.basicincomeireland.com)

What do you think about basic income? We'd love to hear your thoughts!

# Basic Income Ireland

## Who we are:

A diverse group of people in Ireland  
Affiliated to a global network BIEN  
Building support for Basic Income



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## Get involved!

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and Community Education,  
NUIM, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Would you like:

- Better quality of life
- A caring society
- And a smart economy?



A Basic Income could change your life..



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# Picture this...

Every week, every year of your life...

You get a payment from the state...

...that's enough for a decent life!

= Basic Income



# What's so special about that?

- ✓ Everyone gets it
- ✓ No means test
- ✓ No work requirements
- ✓ No signing on
- ✓ Always tax free
- ✓ Guaranteed decent standard of living
- ★ From cradle to grave

# So how does it work?

- A direct payment every week
  - All other income is taxed
- Replaces core social welfare payments
  - Replaces most tax credits
  - Other benefits unaffected

# How much would it cost?

There are many ways to fund a basic income, but Ireland could go a long way towards funding it **now** at existing social welfare rates with a 45% tax rate.

A 45% flat tax? But that's unfair!

Not necessarily..  
Take an example of a single person on average wages.

## Single person on average earnings\*

Gross weekly income	€ 700
Gross tax at 45%	- 315
BI payment	+ 188
Net income	= 573
<b>Net tax rate</b>	<b>18 %</b>

\*Figures courtesy of Social Justice Ireland

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