

Canada's leading experts on basic income visit King's

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London, ON; On Tuesday, April 19, the London Poverty Research Centre at King's University College will host some of Canada's leading experts on basic income guarantee for the second of two events under the header Basic Income: A Deeper Look.

After an Oxford-style debate held at the Wolf Performance Hall on April 18, 2016, the second event of the Basic Income: A Deeper Look brings Senator Art Eggleton and Dr. Evelyn Forget to King's to share their reflections on basic income guarantee. Senator Art Eggleton is the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology and he is a member of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Communications and the Human Rights Committee. He will share his experiences of over 40 years serving Canada in various anti-poverty initiatives. Dr. Evelyn Forget is a professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba and she is the Academic Director of the Manitoba Research Data Centre. She will share her experiences of over ten years of dedicating her academic career studying basic income, recently completing an in-depth analysis of MINCOME, the basic income experiment in 1970's Manitoba.

On March 31, 2016, the Mayor's Panel on Poverty in London, Ontario delivered a recommendation to Mayor Matt Brown that London be made a pilot site for Basic Income. In the [report](#), the panel acknowledged that London, with poverty rates higher than the provincial average, would be a well-suited place in which to observe the dramatic results of proposed income-based measures of poverty. Basic Income: A Deeper Look seeks to provide Londoners with a further understanding of basic income, and provide them with the tools to engage in the dialogue, and decide how they would like to respond to the idea for basic income in London.

The event is taking place from 6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Kenny Theatre in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre at King's University College, 266 Epworth Avenue. Note that due to scheduling constraints, interview opportunities with the speakers are limited, but guests to the event are welcomed.

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