

Prince Edward Island Principles for a Basic Income Guarantee

A successful Basic Income Guarantee for Prince Edward Island will

1. Be universal and unconditional to all adult residents, subject to income, but regardless of work status or relationship status.
2. Recognize that not all people have the same basic needs and some will need more support in addition to a Basic Income Guarantee.
3. Transform some social programs and services, such as income support, while maintaining others, such as disability support.
4. Be administered through the income tax system, and respond to people's changing income levels in a timely manner.
5. Be sufficient to provide for people's basic needs. To us, this means enough to pay rent or mortgage and monthly utility bills, to buy nutritious food and medicine, to use transportation, to continue learning, to access childcare or eldercare, to participate in the community, and to cover emergencies.
6. Be grounded in human rights, as opposed to charity, and be provided with dignity and respect for recipients.
7. Recognize that human health and wellbeing depend on the health and sustainability of the natural environment.
8. Be designed and planned based on inclusive and meaningful public consultation, with a continuing role for community throughout implementation.
9. Make investment in people the priority for all government spending and economic development.
10. Be evidence-based, considering both quantitative and qualitative evidence, and applying lenses to ensure results are equitable for all people. Important lenses to apply include gender, diversity, age, ability, mental health, class, culture, language and literacy, sexuality and gender identity, and geography.
11. Be monitored, measured, and evaluated.