

# “If I had a Universal Basic Income I would...”

A common myth told to oppose a universal basic income...

“If people were given an unconditional, universal basic income, they would waste the money and do nothing of value.”

The focus of this zine is to explore the potential lived and emotional realities a Universal Basic Income could enable.

## How could the money be raised?

- Removing corporate subsidies and tax breaks
- Closing tax loop holes.
- Increasing taxes on higher earners
- Carbon taxes
- And more...


## What is a Universal Basic Income (UBI)?

A UBI is a regular and unconditional payment given to everyone every week or every month.


Everyone receives it regardless of their income, wealth or employment status.

The intention behind a Universal Basic Income is to guarantee a basic level of financial security for everyone. It makes sure nobody in society falls through the cracks. Only the Green Party include a Universal Basic Income in their manifesto.


**For more information:**  
UBI Lab Network FAQs



**For more stories:**  
UBI Lab Network Survey



For House Of Commons Treasury Report on changes to Tax Relief System



Debunking the myth by sharing different stories...  
Unfold this zine to find peoples' response to the question: “What would you do differently with a UBI?”

Responses gathered by UBI Lab Network.

I would not spend so much energy and mental space on worrying about money. I wouldn't have two jobs. I would be a better mother and a better employee. I would have time to volunteer for charities whose work I would like to support but never seem to have the time or the money to do so.

I am self-employed and a Universal Basic Income would be a 'safety net' for any quiet spells. Also, it would allow me to invest in better equipment so I could work more efficiently.

I work as a zero hours contract employee. A Universal Basic Income would remove the uncertainty from meeting my financial obligations.

Having a UBI would enable me to continue working in public gardens and also afford me more time to support voluntary community garden groups.

Inverness

East Lothian

Tyne and Wear

Cornwall

# What would you do if you had a Universal Basic Income of £1,600 a month?

Want to add your voice to this discussion?

Write to your MP. Tell them what you would do with a UBI and why it is important to you.



If UBI had been in place five years ago, I would have retired and looked after my parents. Instead, they are looked after by strangers at astronomical cost. Had it been in place 20 years ago, I would probably have extended my higher education, got a better job and contributed more to the economy.

Go back to college to study to be a hairdresser so I don't have to worry about money for childcare for my kids based on hours worked.

Cumbria

Bristol