



North American Basic Income  
Guarantee Congress

May 24-27, 2018  
Hamilton, Ontario

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With growing international focus on basic income, many eyes will be on Hamilton for the 2018 North American Basic Income Guarantee (NABIG) Congress, May 24-27.

"The idea of a universal basic income is gaining traction, and I am pleased that next year's NABIG Congress, which brings together hundreds of advocates, academics and government representatives from across the continent, is being held in Hamilton. Our City is increasingly becoming a focal point for progressive social policy discussion," said Hamilton Mayor, Fred Eisenberger. Hamilton is one of the sites of the Ontario government's three-year basic income pilot, in turn one of a growing number of pilots or programs around the world from India to Finland, San Francisco to Barcelona.

NABIG 2018 has lined up prominent speakers, some from the Toronto area, others from Québec to California and other parts of Canada and the United States, and from Mexico, England and Portugal. There will also be a wide range of experts presenting in workshops on the congress themes of:

- making basic income a reality, through pilots, policy, mobilization and other means;
- the converging paths leading to basic income from health and human rights, to robots and the future of work, economic and environmental sustainability, democracy and more.

The annual NABIG Congress is a joint endeavour of the Basic Income Canada Network and the United States Basic Income Guarantee Network, held most recently in New York City in 2017 and Winnipeg in 2016. The 2018 Congress is organized in collaboration with McMaster University and the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction and promises to be an exceptionally large and influential gathering of people and ideas.

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