

Cross Party Group on Basic Income

First Meeting 20 June 2018

Room Q1.04 Scottish Parliament

Introductions

Attendees:

Ivan McKee MSP (Co-Convener), Tom Arthur MSP, Alison Johnstone MSP, Coryn Barclay (speaker), Charlie Young (speaker), Jayne Baxter (Alex Rowley MSP Staff), Joe Chrisp (individual), Jamie Cooke (RSA Scotland), Jane Denholm (Ivan McKee MSP Staff), Simon Massey (Children in Scotland), Annie Miller (CBINS), Ben Simmons (CBINS)

Apologies:

Alex Rowley MSP (Co-Convener), Ben Macpherson MSP, Mark Bevan (SCDI), Craig Berry (Individual), Lisa Clark (individual), Neil Cowan (Poverty Alliance), Mike Danson (CBINS), Maddy Halliday (CBINS), Tiffany Kane (Commonweal), Peter Kelly (Poverty Alliance), Emma Ritch (Engender), Douglas White (Carnegie Trust)

Previous Minutes (10th May 2018)

Approved

Matters Arising:

- CPG approved, this is first formal meeting. Text of aims and purposes has been submitted to and approved by Standards Committee, but can be altered.
- Membership Fee – optional, should we have one? Agreed, as no costs pending, bridge to be crossed when required.
- Press release – picked up by The National. Comments from other places (US etc)

Membership Update

All potential members identified in initial meeting were contacted. Children in Scotland, Engender joined as organisational members. Joe Chrisp, Craig Berry joined as individual members.

Would be useful to bring a Carers group in as members – **Action: JC to follow up.**

Glasgow Centre for Population Health had applied to join the Group.

Action: Ideas for new members can be shared with Jamie Cooke for consideration by the co-conveners

Speakers

Basic Income Experiments

Charlie Young, the RSA

Discussed typologies of experiments, ideas for evaluation and questions around what success looks like.

Action: JC to share the Typology report once it is launched and other resources

Basic Income Experiments in Scotland

Coryn Barclay, Local Authority Pilots Steering Group Member

Outlining intentions of the Pilots Steering Group and next steps of the feasibility work in Scotland

Check out www.basicincome.scot for further information including the bid to Scottish Government; www.cbins.scot for pilots calculator

Action – JC to share slides from tonight's talks

Discussion covered a range of topics including spectrum of different models of Basic Income; importance of building in, regular and long term evaluation; dimensions and means of measuring success – challenges of quantitative and qualitative/hard and soft effects; role of media which is largely hostile. Agreed the CPG provides a useful forum where politicians can become briefed on the issues and add their perspective and provide challenge to those more directly involved in taking Basic Income forward.

Other Items

Slack Basic Income Group

Ben Simmons, CBINS

Action – Ben to share details about the Slack group to invite CPG members to join

Next meetings

- September 19th – **“Health”**: with Dr Evelyn Forget of the University of Manitoba in Canada, who conducted the research into the Dauphin minimum income experiments, and other partners.
- November 21st – **“Future of Work”**, possibly involving partners such as the Future of Work Centre, Carnegie Mellon University, SCDI
- 13 Feb and 15 May 2019 TBA

Action – Co-conveners to confirm topics and speakers for future CPG meetings

Action – JC to share details of upcoming events