

## A Universal Basic Income is possible

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John Harris [wrote this in the Guardian this morning:](#)

*Welcome to the world of a unconditional basic income, or UBI, otherwise known as citizens' income or social wage. It might look like the stuff of insane utopianism, but the idea is now spreading at speed, from the fringes of the left into mainstream politics — and being tried out around the world. The UK Green party has supported the notion for decades: staunch backing for a version of UBI was one of its key themes at the last election. At its spring conference last month, the Scottish National party passed a motion supporting the idea that “a basic or universal income can potentially provide a foundation to eradicate poverty, make work pay and ensure all our citizens can live in dignity”. A handful of Labour MPs have started to come round to the idea — and serious work is being done among thinktanks and pressure groups, looking at how it might work in the here and now.*

This is not abstract thinking.

This is plausible.

This is [Howard Reed and my take](#) on the issue, meh owing it can be done to really transform the economy.