

Can artists return Basic Income back to the community if they receive it?

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What is Basic Income?



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what's basic Income?

Unconditionally
Individually
Regularly
Cash

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Art & basic income

Deajeon BI movement

1. Tiosuki project, Deajeon BIKN
2. Children BI (Pocket money-Elementary students) in 2022, 17USD a month to Grade 4 to 6, in Daeduck Province
3. Basic Income experiment at a church, supporting each other , having everyone have same amount of BI for 6 months

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Arts & Culture: Basic Income in South Korea

1. Gyeonggi Artist BI 기회소득(9,050 artist, 150,000 a year)
from 2023,08
2. Lee Jae myoung mentions that it is time for artists to get BI
-2022-09-14 clien.net
3. Basic Income party argued on 2022 general election that
artists needs to receive BI (300,000 Won)

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Basic Income for Artists

Interviewed 10 artists

1. Eunkyung, Creative cultural Organizer, Web designer, Farmer
2. Eunseong, Theater actor & Producer, Drama therapist ,
3. Yujin, Sing a song writer, leader of eco-feminism NGO Peace_Earth, Farmer.
4. Na, Fine artist, Writing picture books, Farming at a community farm, Knitter.
5. Seol_Ah, A web-Novelist, a member of Eco feminism NGO , Peace_Earth
6. Sunny, Theater Actress, Art Instructor
7. Ssal, Hair wrap artist, Book stay host with Local goods to connect to Human
8. Dawa, Nature Journalist, Costume designer for theater play
9. Sophie(Writer, Shadow theater play actress)
- 10, Joe, Photographer, full time worker

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Methodology

Interviewed 10 artists at Cafe Basic income or other activity spots . recorded and video taped.

Where : 9 in Deajeon , 1 out of Deajeon

Age group: 9 female Youth (~39), 1 middle age male

Jobs: 8 Current Artists for a living, 2 artist as hobbies

With Funding: 6 current Artists,(art instructor, full time job, web novelist, Hobby)

Full time worker: None (but 1 works non art work)

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1. Eunkyung, Creative cultural Organizer, Web designer.

Performed five programs with funding for minimum wage
Part time job, feeling loser of my career but no anxiety.
With BI, I will work on improving the value of my career
BI is 'Breath' to me.

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2. Eunseong: Theater player & producer, Drama therapist

Making the play with funding , not including players minimum wages at all. Losing our value of labour nowadays

I would spend BI to make my play improve sysemically and pay at least minium wage to the artist.

With BI, value of culture & art will be upgraded , I will invest for the future society I want to dream of

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3.Yujin: Sing a song writer, farming

With BI, I would learn composing , instruments , vocal and feminism.

Society will be changed to exchange its citizens talants.

I exchange my Ukulele lesson to a friend of knitting.

With the funding , I feel competitive with other artists but With BI, I would feel welcomed by community

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4. Na, Fine artist, Writing picture books, Farming at a community farm, Knitter.

If I get BI, I would live like these days. I am receiving unemployment pension for 5 months now. Farming Kitting and writing

After this, I would work something simple, such as laboring work without thinking. Art work needs lots of energy. I don't want to apply for funding because they don't support labor costs in Korea. I support farmers Basic Income before artists since farming is the most essential elements in life.

I expect BI can make a balance with locals and cities

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5.Seol_Ah, A web-Novelist, a member of Eco feminism NGO , Peace_Earth

Government cultural funding doesn't include web novel at all. If I have BI, I would try writing children novel, investing better art & culture. People will spend money on art & culture more.

Some says ' If there is no central park in New York, special hospital need to be replaced in the same place'

예술가들이 할 수 있는 만큼 꼭 믿어 주었으면 좋겠어요. Please give artists a chance since they can

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6. Sunny, Theater Actress, Art Instructor

She didn't know BI at all. In late 1990s, Art instructor system was built, We make a joke that we need 2 million won(USD 1,500) to focus on the theater play only. Yet I need 3 million(USD 2,200) at least. Our professors are saying artist need only 800,000 won(USD 500)

I got unemployed pension but I could n't work at all even part time jobs. No long run plays like Cats. We usually get about USD 1,100 for 2 weeks plays and 2 months preparation so all artists work part time. No expects for tickets income

I will spend BI for vocals , build my body to make art rich.

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7. Ssal, Hair wrap artist, Book stay host with Local goods to connect to Human & Ecoism

There is a NGO group in Kumsan. So I know BI. Artists needs BI to get equally treated as a human's right. Because the government funding gives me the pressure . It is competitive and limited. With BI, Art can connect to various lives and set them free from economic difficulties.

I personally will spend BI to make myself to educate in order to connect everything together.

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8.Dawa, Nature Journalist, Custume designer for theater play

I know BI but not well. I know BI as covid BI. Now, In Hampyong, politions are talking about BI, 150,000 Won(USD 115)

I will spend my BI to share my talents to soiey to children.

BI will set me free, we need BI for basic lives and expenses.

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9. Sophie(Writer, Shadow theater play actress)

I know BI but not well. Artists need BI. I prefer art activities as hobbies. I used to write a story at church.

I want to be a musical artist if I get BI. I would spend BI for training, writing, vocals for being an artist.

BI will make me free from pressure and saving money .

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10, Joe, Photographer, full time worker

I know BI, but Korea focus on the youth BI not like myself , middle age , single man.

I worry about the budget , we need to pay a lot of taxes.

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Results

1. Artists were not aware what exactly BI is. 8 out of 10.
2. They are BI supporters, BIEN needs an attention on artist
3. They (9 out of 10) want to improve their artistic talents if they receive BI, comparing to Ttosuki project & in general
4. Yes, Artists are common wealth so that
, even they receive BI, they will return it back to the
communities as they always has been
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Limitations and discussions

Only interviewed 10 youth artists in Deajeon city, More interviews needed nationwide

Artists welfare VS Basic Income VS unemployment pension?

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Q&A

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