

An online magazine for students across Europe has asked their readers to say what they feel about the concept of “*Basic Income*”. The best essays will be published online. Read the definition of “*Basic Income*” as published on the website of BIEN (*The Basic Income Earth Network*).

### ***Basic Income***

A basic income is given to everyone on an individual basis, without any work requirement. It is form of minimum income that exists in various European countries.

#### **Basic Income**

- is paid to individuals instead of households
- is paid without any regard to other income sources
- is paid without having a job or the willingness to accept one

You have decided to enter the competition. In your essay, argue either for or against this topic. You should:

- discuss if everyone should (not) have the right to an income without any requirements
- highlight what the effects on society would be if this idea was put into practice
- explain whether or not this could be financed

Give your essay a **title**. Write around **400 words**.