Universal Basic Income, an Idea Whose Time has Come.

People is and are, the Capital without which, we all eat the less, clothe with less warmth and style, and generally dance less, the good Dance.

Implementing a Universal Basic Income for food, clothing and housing, if properly funded, might obviate the need to intervene in Mortgage or Bank foreclosure or Rent arrears, and provide immediate cash to all, without hoop-jumping and having complicated costly administrative encumbrance. It would lessen for many the dependence on Food Banks and help to reduce homelessness, poverty and penury.

It would be a fine form of QE for the people. It would also be a huge opportunity for us to not only respond to the current crisis in a timely manner, but might also help reshape society and the economy for when we come through the other side.

UK Residents Please Sign & Share this Petitions that demands "We Implement Universal Basic Income to give home & food security through Covid-19" <u>https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/302284</u> (created 16 March 2020)

Also Please draw your local MPs attention, if they are not already familiar with it, to this Early Day Motion in support of an <u>#EmergencyUBI</u> (Tabled 16 March 2020)

## https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/56765/temporary-universal-basic-income

"That this House calls on the Government to introduce a temporary universal basic income or an emergency measure to help freelancers and the self-employed effected by the covid-19 outbreak."

At present there are 34 MP Signatures to the EDM, but not one of them is a Tory? Why not? This is surely the chance to put into practice whatever was promised to those left behind in poverty and low pay; those who many Tories now represent in large numbers in many of the UK regions, This is surely the opportunity to meet real immediate need, and begin to address the inequalities that are beginning to affect us all.

A Universal Basic Income must surely be an idea whose time has come, and should be initiated without delay, if we are truly to quickly address the substantial distress of so many people at this time of crisis; it can also be temporary and keep many afloat.

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References and further info

In Ireland <u>http://www.davidmcwilliams.ie/why-central-bank-must-give-everyone-free-money-right-now/</u>

and here in the UK

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