



Freedom 90 commits to raising its voice to demand an end to poverty and an end to the need for food banks and emergency meal programs in Ontario.

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CBC Radio - Metro Morning - Mary Wiens

Fighting Poverty - Low Wages #1

We're talking about what it will take to get rid of the demand for food banks. We begin this morning with some voices from a rally in downtown Toronto, organized by the Ontario Federation of Labour, to demand the minimum wage be raised to \$14.00. Mary Wiens spoke to several people at the rally about jobs that keep them below the poverty line.

[Click here to listen to the audioclip from the CBC Radio website](#)

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CBC Radio - Metro Morning - Mary Wiens

Fighting Poverty - Low Wages #2

Mary Wiens spoke with a man who worked as a cook for 25 years and can now barely afford to put food on his own table.

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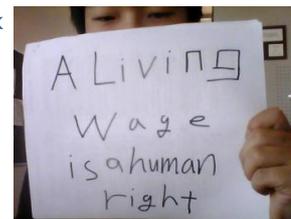
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rabble.ca - Lynne Fernandez

The living wage: An idea whose time has come

A living wage is based on the principle that fulltime work should provide families with a basic level of economic security. It allows a family of four with two parents working fulltime to pay for necessities, support the healthy development of their children, escape financial stress, and participate in the social, civic and cultural lives of their communities.

[Click here to read the full article on rabble.ca](#)



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Toronto Star - Carol Goar

Insidious attack on jobless insurance

It's true that EI is badly broken. But it still provides a vehicle for Canadians to pool their resources as a hedge against one of life's most daunting risks.

It's true that scrapping EI would be easier than modernizing it. But that is a pathetic reason to abandon a program that has helped unemployed Canadians get back on their feet for six generations.

[Click here to read the full article at the Toronto Star website](#)

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Metroland Media - Torstar Network - Laurie Monsebraaten

Nearly half of Canadians using food banks live in Ontario

About 45 per cent of Canadians who rely on food banks live in Ontario ...

And one-third of the 375,000 Ontarians who use a food bank every month are under age 18 ...

[Click here to read the full article on mississauga.com](#)

December 11, 2013

The St. Catharines Standard - Grant LaFleche

Healthy food costing too much for the poor

There is a cold calculus that is unavoidable in the nether realm of poverty.

In a world where daily survival defines how every penny is spent, the future's horizon is no farther away than the end of the week. Nothing can really exist beyond that. Not with a pocket full of lint and an empty stomach.



[Click here to read the full article at niagaradvance.ca](#)

December 15, 2013

News 1130 - Sara Norman [In case you missed it - Ed.]

Federal minister says child poverty not Ottawa's problem

"Is it my job to feed my neighbour's child? I don't think so." That from Federal Minister of Industry James Moore who is also the Member of Parliament for Port Moody - Westwood - Port Coquitlam. He says it's the responsibility of the provinces to deal with child poverty, and Ottawa has no plans to step in.



[Click here to read the full article and hear the audioclip at the News 1130 website](#)

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