



Universal Basic Income and the Hudson Valley

A Panel on UBI Pilots in Ulster County and Hudson,
and Imagining the World with UBI

March 21, 2021 (Saugerties, NY/USA)—[Forge Collective](#) proudly presents an evening with Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson, Hudson Pilot Director Joan Hunt, and HudsonUP Co-Founder Susan Danziger, on Monday, April 5, at 6pm, in a free virtual event open to public. [Registration is required.](#)

Universal Basic Income, once a fringe utopian idea unknown to most Americans, has become a hot topic as 85% of all citizens including children have received stimulus checks, and over 30 municipalities around the country are conducting or committed to basic income pilots.

Here in the Hudson Valley, Ulster County is starting this social experiment, giving 100 residents \$500 a month for a year, with no strings attached. Hudson began its pilot last October with \$500/m going to 25 individuals over 5 years.

These pilots are not benefit programs on their own; they are the first steps in determining whether a truly universal, permanent cash program would help our country unite, stabilize the economy, combat inequality, prepare for another pandemic, aid disaster-stricken areas—in other words, catalyze the transformation we need to face the daunting challenges of the 21st century.

In this panel, Executive Ryan, Mayor Johnson, Ms. Hunt, and Ms. Danziger will share why they decided to take this novel step as well as their visions for the future. Our big question of the night—*what kind of a community would we want to build with a UBI?*

Keiko Sono, founder of Forge Collective and host of Intrinsic Podcast, will moderate the discussion.

This event is sponsored by Chronogram and Radio Kingston.

The recording of the discussion will be available on Intrinsic Podcast.

Links

[Facebook Event Page](#), [Zoom registration](#) [Media Kit](#)

About Forge Collective

Forge Collective is a platform for meaningful connections through shared experiences and deep communication. We have conducted numerous community projects such as [Catskill Waters](#), in which we interviewed more than 60 residents in the watershed for oral history, and [Yankeetown Pond Project](#) that addressed the topic of commons in the Catskills.

About Intrinsic Podcast

[Intrinsic](#) is a podcast about the innate value of each individual and the motivation that drives us. "Intrinsic Podcast is providing a great forum to bring people together around important topics that matter to each of us. Keiko sets the stage by combining folks from different backgrounds to offer insight and exchange ideas." - Kevin O'Connor, CEO, RUPCO (listener, guest speaker)

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