



**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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August 19, 2013

Abe Oudshoorn's Blog

### Poverty and Food Security

- 1) Food insecurity is primarily about poverty, not having enough money.
- 2) Food insecurity in Canada more often looks like not having quality food versus not having enough food.

[Click here to read the full item at Abe Oudshoorn's Blog](#)

August 15, 2013

Richmond Hill Liberal - Chris Traber

### Social service groups stage minimum wage protest in Richmond Hill

If you're struggling and have to choose every month between paying rent and buying food, yesterday's provincewide Day of Action was geared to make your life better.

Communities across Ontario made Aug. 14 a collective Day of Action, calling for a \$14 minimum wage, with a local rally being kicked off in Richmond Hill at 2 p.m. at the Tim Hortons at 11005 Yonge St.

[Click here to read the full article at yorkregion.com](#)



August 13, 2013

rabble.ca - Michael Laxer's Blog

### Want, waste and wealth: The immorality and inefficiency of capitalist food distribution in Canada

It has been both a disturbing and telling couple of weeks in terms of news developments related to food distribution in Canada.

First, at the end of July, a report by researchers at the University of Toronto ... Shortly after the release of this report, came news from Statistics Canada ... Finally, a third report released by the Conference Board of Canada ...

[Click here to read the full article at Michael Laxer's Blog](#)



August 13, 2013

The Star - Opinion/Commentary - Navjeet Sidhu and Yvonne Kelly

### Raising Ontario's minimum wage makes good economic sense

The minimum wage has been frozen since 2010, yet unemployment, especially youth unemployment, remains stubbornly high - contradicting the theory that corporations will invest and that jobs will only increase when wages are lower.



The Canadian Labour Congress has reported that corporations are sitting atop nearly \$500 billion in unused funds thanks to generous tax cuts (a.k.a. corporate subsidies), instead of investing in job creation.

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

August 12, 2013

Mitchell Kutney's Blog

### The End Game of Charity

Charity is failing as a sector largely because it is measured by its ability to become obsolete. I am not referring to any charity or nonprofit in particular, or to charity as the gifting of money/goods/services, but to the mainstream vision of charity as it relates to addressing significant disadvantages within a population.



The end game of these charities should be to work towards a point where the populations they serve are no longer disadvantaged. So why is it that so few, if any, charities close down because they "succeeded"?

[Click here to read the full article at Mitchell Kutney's Blog](#)

August 1, 2013

Nepean Barrhaven News - Patricia Leboeuf

### Social inequality root of food bank issues: experts; Canadian governments not ensuring basic human rights met say critics

The increasing use of food banks is just a symptom of a growing social inequality within Canadian society, according to two academic experts on social issues.



"There is a lot of evidence that things are getting worse for people who are not well off," said Dr. Fran Klodawsky, professor at Carleton University, whose expertise is in social policies. "There is a growing polarization of income. In many, many facets of life, those that have are getting more and those that don't have seem to have a harder time being able to access services, benefits, all sorts of things."

[Click here to read the full article at the Ottawa Community News website](#)

July 30, 2013

CBC - Hamilton

### Canadians see income, housing as determinants of good health

A new report says how much you earn, where you live and how well you eat are viewed by Canadians as key factors that affect their health...



The findings are based on a series of town hall meetings held across the country by the Canadian Medical Association, focusing on social factors that cause poor health.

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