

In September 2013, the CTF helped launch *Generation Screwed* — an initiative that seeks to inform and mobilize young Canadians about what debt and unfunded liabilities mean for their future.



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■ **COMMUNITY:** Queen's students launch initiative to raise awareness of rising government debt

Debt load irks 'Generation Screwed'

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They call themselves Generation Screwed.

The Queen's Students for Liberty launched an initiative to bring attention to the rising government debt in Canada at the John Deutsch University Centre on Thursday afternoon.

According to Tyler Lively, the vice-president of the organization, Generation Screwed was created to bring attention to the amount of debt that older generations have dumped upon the people of his generation.

To help make his point, the event featured a visit from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation Debt Clock and its research director Nick Bergamini, who is on a campus tour across Ontario.

"All the debt has been piled onto our generation," said Lively, also co-ordinator of the Generation Screwed campaign on the Queen's campus.

"Every generation since confederation has been passing an IOU onto the next generation and the problem is now we're running out of IOUs."

As Lively was speaking at the corner of University Avenue and Union Street at the centre of the Queen's campus, the debt clock for Canada was sitting at \$617 billion, which is \$17,604 for every person in Canada.

"That's just the federal debt,"



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Tyler Lively, vice-president of the Queen's Students for Liberty and Generation Screwed.

on top of the student loan debt they may have after graduation.

He's concerned over the increases of student tuition, but also for some of the big-ticket

and how it affects them. Once people learn how much these issues affect them, we think (that) them participating in political

The organization brings a variety of speakers from different political parties and engage debate on a variety of issues, including drug

Generation Screwed has already created a website, social media presence, brand logo, promotional materials, and identified and trained volunteer student coordinators from 17 campuses across Canada. Your support allows this work to continue.

