

## Activist to speak on inequality



Chuck Collins

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Inequality activist Chuck Collins will take part in a breakfast panel discussion hosted by the Bermuda Community Foundation next week.

The BCF has brought Mr Collins, an international author, to Bermuda to meet with students, philanthropists, financiers, non-profit organisations, bankers and civil servants.

The Bermuda Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Bermuda Community Foundation for the panel discussion next Tuesday.

Mr Collins will discuss the growing divide between the haves and have-nots alongside Nathan Kowalski, chief financial officer at Anchor Investments, and Craig Simmons, economics senior lecturer at the Bermuda College

Myra Virgil, CEO of the BCF, said: “Chuck’s message is very relevant to Bermuda, and we are delighted he accepted our invitation to visit.

“Part of the BCF’s role is to build community knowledge on relevant topics. Income inequality, poverty and social welfare are big issues in Bermuda today. Bringing Chuck here may help us generate solutions and inform our discussions, on, for example, a living wage.”

A Chamber of Commerce spokesman said: “Living wage has been at the forefront of local debates in recent times. We are considerably pleased to share in a discussion with the Bermuda Community Foundation on this subject. Chuck Collins brings a wealth of knowledge on the growing class war. We encourage all who are able to come out in support of this event.”

Mr Collins’s book, *Born on Third Base: A One Percenter Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common Good* examines the subject of inequality. He was born into a family of wealth and privilege — but gave away his inheritance at the age of 26. He spent the ensuing three decades mobilising against inequality and, according to a press release from the Chamber, uses his perspective from both sides to deliver a new narrative on the topic.

The panel discussion takes place on Tuesday, 28 November, at the Hamilton Princess Hotel from 8.30am to 10am and will cost \$50 to attend.

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