

BIEN Outreach Committee 2017 Annual Report

About the Committee

In July 2016, the BIEN Executive Committee (EC) proposed the creation of a new group, the Outreach Committee (OC), which coincided with the allotment of one position on the EC for liaising between the Outreach Committee and the Executive. Shortly after, the newly appointed representative from BIEN's EC contacted all of the current affiliates (30 affiliates) to invite them to join the Outreach Committee, if they wished. Many agreed to do so, and sent a representative to be part of the Outreach Committee.

Goals

The ultimate goal of the Outreach Committee is to increase the connectedness and communication between affiliates and to find ways for BIEN to communicate better and cooperate more with organizations working on basic income around the world.

Aims and Activities in 2016-2017

The current OC, in conversation with BIEN, undertook the following activities for the 2016-2017 year:

- 1) Compiled a list of organizations (including existing and prospective BIEN affiliates) working on basic income around the world, and helped them exchange information and ideas with each other. Accomplished through monthly OC meetings and communication on the BIEN Outreach Taskforce Slack channel.
- 2) Reached out to new groups and support them in the development of local basic income networks. This aim is ongoing and is being accomplished through the "Outreach to New Groups" subcommittee that has helped to prepare a checklist for new groups, is creating and sharing basic income education materials for any new groups to use, is linking up volunteers one-on-one with new groups to support them, and is outreaching on social media to help identify people in areas that do not yet have new groups.
- 3) Helped the Local Organizing Committee of the BIEN Congress to organize a session at the next Congress in which affiliates report on their activities and discuss their activities with each other. In addition to this, the OC has planned a workshop for the BIEN 2017 congress where affiliates can come together to work on key issues facing the implementation of basic income in their countries.
- 4) To support the existing International Basic Income Week (IBIW) group run by UBIE in their planning and coordination of an international BI week.

Membership

As of September 2017, there are 36 individuals who have joined the committee, with varying levels of involvement. A core group of about 10-15 individuals participate regularly in the OC. All affiliates are welcome to join the group by sending a representative to be involved. We will formally remind affiliates who are currently not involved of this invitation annually, however, if they choose, they may join or leave the group at any time. Anyone may invite an affiliate or prospective BIEN affiliate to join the Slack group and the regular meetings at any time.

Additionally, we recruit for select other Outreach Committee members who are interested in supporting the goals of the Outreach Committee to fill specific skill or time gaps in the Committee related to the goals we want to achieve. When an appropriate individual is found to fill a gap identified by the OC, they will present a bio and a description of their skills to the entire OC who will vote on accepting or rejecting their membership.