



**World Basic Income**  
worldbasicincome.org.uk

Dear Mr Aguirre and Mr Torry,

We are writing to ask if our organisation, World Basic Income, may be permitted to affiliate to the Basic Income Earth Network.

Although we are a UK-based organisation, we have created this organisation to campaign for a supra-national basic income scheme, which we hope will one day run in parallel with national basic incomes in each country. We are connected with the emerging Global Basic Income Network, set up by René Heeskens of the Global Basic Income Foundation (based in The Netherlands), and we look forward to collaborating further with many other basic income groups all over the world.

Our organisation exists solely to promote a world basic income, as well as basic income pilot projects that may help to build the case for a worldwide scheme. We do not tie our proposals to any particular funding scheme – our website discusses many potential funding sources including commons-held capital shares, carbon taxes, financial transaction taxes, royalties on intellectual property and natural resources, and fees for the use of common resources such as airspace.

We have been working actively on developing the organisation and promoting these proposals since 2015. The four directors meet regularly, and the two executive directors meet up weekly to work on web content, media articles, conference plans and other activities. We recently succeeded in getting incorporated in the UK. We have launched our website, which you can visit at [www.worldbasicincome.org.uk](http://www.worldbasicincome.org.uk), and have begun posting regularly on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/worldbasicincome/?fref=ts>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/WorldBasicIncom>). We have secured a venue for our first conference, due to take place in February 2017, and are in discussions with potential keynote speakers (we will be in touch shortly with BIEN to discuss this further). People are signing up for our newsletter, the first edition of which is due soon. A writer at BIEN recently published an article about us - <http://basicincome.org/news/2016/10/new-link-world-basic-income/>. We have published an article in the journal AutomationWatch - <http://automationwatch.org/basic-income/introducing-world-basic-income/> and are awaiting imminent publication of an article in Red Pepper magazine. We hope to soon secure the funds to hire a part-time co-ordinator to help maintain momentum and push forward progress.

World Basic Income is a not-for-profit multi-stakeholder co-operative company limited by guarantee. The leadership of our organisation is currently as follows: Laura Bannister – Executive Director; Paul Harnett – Executive Director; Nixon Tod – Director; Adam Ozanne – Director. This initial leadership team consists of the two founders (Laura, a political activist, and Paul, a development economist), and two personal contacts who were interested in being involved (Nixon, a trade union organiser, and Adam, an economics lecturer). Further directors will be sought in due course, ideally representing a broad constituency of people, and we hope that in time we will be able to work closely with varied stakeholders and partner organisations.

We already make great use of the Basic Income Earth Network as a source of information and news, and we intend to attend your conference in September 2017 in Lisbon. We hope we will be able to join the Network as an affiliate organisation, and we look forward to working more closely with your organisation.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Bannister  
Executive Director

Paul Harnett  
Executive Director