

Expression of my Intent to stand for the position of Chair of BIENs

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I want to notify you of my interest to stand as Chair on the coming election for EC in Tampere. This idea has gradually grown on me. I had the office as Secretary for BIEN EC for two years and I have a good understanding of how the organization is functioning. Now I feel its time for me to stand up and embrace this meaningful and enormous challenge. I am open to both two years and three years term of office. If I am elected Chair I would prefer to constitute as Co-Chair.

Today there is a new wave of enthusiasm across continents about basic income. At a time like this, BIEN has an important role to play worldwide. This is a great challenge, the diversity of national contexts across continents is overwhelming and the network need to create structures that is most inclusive to become a truly global movement. Im am delighted to see the late years developments regarding BIENs legal status, the website and BINews, the Outreach Team and democratization of the organisation. The question now is how to galvanize and strengthen the organization and enable it to play the historical role that it has the potential for.

My strenght is my practical research and experience from traditional working life, unions, networks and NGOs, and from my broad engagement in the basic income community. I have a bachelor in Development studies from the University in Bergen.

I have worked under many different conditions and branches. I am educated common nurse and have worked in care unit. As the first woman in Norway I worked in road construction driving an asphalt roller. In this way I got experiences regarding the differences between the genders in the worklife. For several years I worked as a warehouse manager, mainly for the food industry. As an union leader I was involved in the restructuring and automatization of the industry, and outsourcing of services as canteen and cleaning.

After five travels in India I started organising in 2009. The first was Attac, there I started writing articles. Soon after I had offices in the Green Party at a time when the party started to gain political power. It was through the Occupy movement I first was introced to basic income and I worked to revive the idea in the Green Party.

The autumn of 2012 I was one of the founders of BIEN Norway and I have been involved since. This year I stepped down after one year in the coregroup of UBIE and I was one of the initiators of the UBI-Nordic initiative. I have a big network in the international basic income community and I am an experienced organizer.

From my perspectice my experiences is of both practical and symbolic value at a historic time for the basic income movement when we need to ground the idea.