

Jamie Cooke

I would like to put my name forward for the position of Assistant Treasurer of BIEN. Although a new member of BIEN itself, I have been heavily involved in the development of Basic Income activity in Scotland over the past few years, and sit on the board of CBINS, BIEN's Scottish grouping alongside other activists such as Annie Miller.

As Head of RSA Scotland, part of the global think tank, I have played a leading role in the Basic Income movement in Scotland, including being the most active public speaker on the topic in recent years, ranging from settings such as TEDx Glasgow and the Scottish Parliament to community groups across the country and beyond. I am co-author of an RSA report outlining the potential stepping stones towards a Basic Income in the UK, and have contributed to media discussions around the globe. I helped set up the Cross Party Group on Basic Income at the Scottish Parliament this year, and provide its Secretariat.

I have decided to put my name forward for election as I believe that BIEN has a critical role to play in the exciting global opportunities for developing Basic Income which lie ahead of us. I already work with colleagues in many of the areas currently debating the idea, and strongly believe that BIEN will be central to helping turn those into action. I have sat on a number of different boards, currently coming to the end of my time as a Trustee of COSCA – Counselling and Psychotherapy in Scotland, and would bring experience in governance and finance from both my board and professional experience. I am a Fellow of the RSA, a Commissioner on the Commission for School Reform in Scotland, and a member of the Presidents Club of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce.

We live in exciting and challenging times for our movement, and I would be honoured to be able to contribute directly to BIEN's work. As an avid Twitter user, feel free to connect with me @JamieACooke and/or on LinkedIn.