

## **BIEN Outreach Committee 2018 Annual Report**

### *Goals*

The ultimate goal of the Outreach Committee is to increase the connectedness and communication between affiliates and BIEN and to find ways for BIEN to communicate better and cooperate more with organizations working on basic income around the world. This committee was initiated by the Chair of BIEN's EC in 2016.

### *Aims and Activities in 2017-2018*

The current Outreach Committee, in conversation with BIEN, undertook the following activities for the 2017-2018 year:

- 1) Maintained 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. This was accomplished through monthly video conference 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, shares existing basic income education materials for new groups to use, and is linking up volunteers one-on-one with new groups to support them. New connections have been made this year with groups that are beginning to form in Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Russia, Indonesia, the USA, and throughout Latin America.
- 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 over the course of the past year. This year, the Outreach Committee and the Chair of BIEN have also organized a poster session at the BIEN Congress and invited all affiliates to create posters for display at the congress to visually represent their work in 2017-2018. In addition to this, the Outreach Committee and the Chair of BIEN have planned a workshop for the BIEN 2018 congress where affiliates can come together to work on key issues facing basic income activities in their countries.
- 4) Hosted monthly videoconference calls and maintained regular communication through BIEN Outreach Taskforce Slack channel. Annually 10 videoconferences are held where affiliates or prospective affiliates can join and share experiences and updated from their organizations. This year, participants from Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, Finland, Norway, South Africa, India, Canada, the USA, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Indonesia, Russia, Turkey, Germany, and the Netherlands have participated.

## *Membership*

All affiliates are welcome to join the group by sending a representative to be involved. We 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 so that they may access the shared resources. Additionally, we recruit for select other Outreach Committee volunteers 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.