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#### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) was constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and registered as a charity, number 1177066, on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018, as amended on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Trustees during the year were as follows: Julio Aguirre (until 21/8/2021); Diana Bashur (from 21/8/2021); Sarath Davala; John Simon Duffy (from 16/12/2021); Jacob Eliot; James Grant (from 16/12/2021); Leah Hamilton; Aoife Hegarty (until 21/8/2021); Neil Howard (from 18/11/2021); Reinhard Huss (from 16/12/2021); Barbara Jacobson (until 18/11/2021); Peter Knight (from 18/11/2021); Hilde Latour; Julio Linares (reappointed 21/8/2021); Anne Glenda Miller; Yanu Endar Prasetyo (from 18/11/2021); Tyler Prochazka; Malcolm Torry (from 21/8/2021); Mike Valentine (from 21/8/2021); Mark Wadsworth (reappointed 21/8/2021); Toru Yamamori.

Sarath Davala was the Chair. The Treasurer was Mark Wadsworth until the 21<sup>st</sup> August, and from that date Malcolm Torry. The Secretary was Julio Aguirre until the 21<sup>st</sup> August, and from that date Diana Bashur. Malcolm Torry was General Manager until the 16<sup>th</sup> September, when the voluntary post was discontinued.

Trustees met fourteen times during the year: eleven times for business meetings, and three times for educational discussion meetings about the Basic Income debates in China, India, and the United States.

The Covid-19 pandemic meant that a face-to-face congress in Glasgow was not possible, but the Citizen's Basic Income Network Scotland and Strathclyde University created a highly effective online congress attended by over a thousand people. 43 BIEN members attended the online Annual General Meeting at the end of the congress. At the time of the meeting BIEN had 404 members. The 2022 congress is planned to be a hybrid event, face-to-face in Brisbane, Australia, and also online.

During the year, BIEN maintained a website, published news updates, maintained contact with its members and with affiliated organisations, and responded to requests for information. A working group to study clarifications of BIEN's definition of Basic Income has met during the year and has held open forums for BIEN members; a survey of BIEN members was carried out; and BIEN, and particularly its trustees, are increasingly involved in partnership projects. BIEN has worked with the Jain Family Institute and other organisations to establish the Basic Income Research and Action Lab (BIRAL) that brings together leaders and researchers of Basic Income and other experiments around the world; and partnerships are evolving with the Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies, the United Nations Development Programme, and UNESCO.

Four Chinese students joined BIEN as interns for three months following a one-week training course also attended by Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies students.

During 2022 BIEN is looking forward to working with a potential funder to enable it to bring to fruition plans for a 'regional hubs' project.

BIEN's finances are stable, and, even if no grant aid is forthcoming, membership fees and donations will enable BIEN to meet its obligations for the next few years.

BIEN is very grateful to those individuals and organisations who continue to give time, effort and financial support to its work.

Public benefit statement: During 2021 the activities above were in accordance with the objects of the charity, that is, 'To educate the general public about Basic Income, that is, a periodic cash payment delivered to all on an individual basis, without means test or work requirement; to serve as a link between the individuals and groups committed to, or interested in, Basic Income; to stimulate and disseminate research about Basic

Income; and to foster informed public discussion on Basic Income throughout the world.' All of the Trust's publications published during 2020 are freely available on the website.

Sarath Davala, Chair

Malcolm Torry, Treasurer

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of BASIC INCOME EARTH NETWORK

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Charity") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination. I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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# **BASIC INCOME EARTH NETWORK (BIEN)**

## **Charity number 1177066**

Receipts and payments

for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

		2021 CAF Bank	2021 PayPal	2021 Total	2020 Total
Brought forward		24785.21	41.07	24826.28	15133.97
Income					
Membership fees and donations		578.01	1727.42	2305.43	12365.46
Donated royalties		606.49	0	606.49	252.05
Gift Aid		2501.06	0	2501.06	
Insurance claim *		613.56	0	613.56	
Interest		2.26	0	2.26	10.98
Total income		4301.38	1727.42	6028.80	12628.49
Expenditure					
Website		1751.68	0	1751.68	444.72
Mailchimp (monthly update)		1784.14	0	1784.14	1899.73
Zoom account		143.88	0	143.88	
PayPal fees/bank charges		151.87	48.90	200.77	147.33
Trustee expenses		0	0	0	0
Insurance premium		444.78	0	444.78	419.40
Copyright infringement penalty *		863.56	0	863.56	
Events		0	0	0	0
Belgian registration closure costs		0	0	0	0
Accounts inspection		25.00	<u>0</u>	25.00	25.00
Total expenditure		5164.91	48.90	5213.81	2936.18
Transfers					
Transfer UK PayPal to UK bank		1000.00	-1000.00	0	0
Total transfers		1000.00	-1000.00	0	0
Balance at 31st December 2020		24921.68	719.59	25641.27	24826.28
Funds					
	General Fund		16641.27		
	Permanent Fund	9000.00			
Total			25641.27		
Bank accounts					
	Cafcash		2379.77		
	Caf Gold		22541.91		
	Total		24921.68		

## Notes

If it had not been for a Gift Aid claim relating to a single generous donation received in 2019, expenditure in 2020 would have been £1686.07 greater than income.

\* BIEN was charged \$1,000 for a copyright infringement. The insurance company reimbursed this figure minus an excess of £250.

Sarath Davala, Chair

Malcolm Torry, Treasurer