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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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. Its constitution was amended on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Trustees during the year were as follows: Diana Bashur; Sarath Davala; John Simon Duffy; Jacob Eliot; James Grant; Leah Hamilton (until 28/9/2022); Neil Howard; Reinhard Huss; Peter Knight; Hilde Latour; Julio Linares; Anne Glenda Miller; Tyler Prochazka; Malcolm Torry; Mike Valentine; Mark Wadsworth; Toru Yamamori.

Sarath Davala was the Chair. The Treasurer was Malcolm Torry. The Secretary was Diana Bashur.

Trustees met thirteen times during the year: twelve times for business meetings, and once for a seminar on the definition of Basic Income.

A hybrid annual congress was held: face to face in Brisbane, Australia, and online. 55 BIEN members attended the online Annual General Meeting at the end of the congress. The 2023 congress is again planned to be a hybrid event, face-to-face in the Republic of Korea and 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. Trustees have represented BIEN at a variety of events, and a group of five trustees was invited to organise a day on Basic Income at a blockchain technology conference in Berlin. 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; partnerships with the Basic Income Research and Action Lab (BIRAL) and with the Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies (FRIBIS) continue, as do negotiations about a partnership with the United Nations Development Programme.

At the beginning of the year the Mustardseed Trust agreed a three-year grant to enable BIEN to establish regional hubs. A salaried co-ordinator has been appointed, a manager for the Africa hub has been contracted, and a budget has been agreed for a conference in South Africa.

BIEN's finances are stable. The Mustardseed Trust grant will enable BIEN to bring the regional hubs project to fruition, and membership fees and donations will enable BIEN to meet its obligations for the next few years. Further funds are being sought to enable additional regional hubs to be established.

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

Public benefit statement: During 2022 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 2022 are freely available on the website.

Sarath Davala, Chair

Malcolm Torry, Treasurer

Date: 26 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

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.

*A P Garrood 24/1/2023*

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## BASIC INCOME EARTH NETWORK (BIEN)

Charity number 1177066

### Receipts and payments

for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

	1/1 to 31/12 2022 CAF Bank	1/1 to 31/12 2022 PayPal	1/1 to 31/12 2022 Total
<b>Brought forward</b>	<u>24921.68</u>	<u>719.59</u>	<u>25641.27</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Membership fees and donations <sup>1</sup>	2350.47	2687.29	5037.76
Grant, Mustardseed Trust <sup>2</sup>	47511.60	0	47511.60
Donated royalties <sup>3</sup>	1257.58	0	1257.58
Interest	207.05	0	207.05
<b>Total income</b>	<u>51326.70</u>	<u>2687.29</u>	<u>54013.99</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Website	1042.31	0	1042.31
Mailchimp (monthly update)	2031.04	0	2031.04
Zoom account	143.88	0	143.88
PayPal and Donorbox fees & bank charges	172.63	93.56	266.19
Trustee expenses	0	0	0
Insurance premium	482.16	0	482.16
Events <sup>4</sup>	2511.22	0	2511.22
Staff costs <sup>5</sup>	12383.91	3813.32	16197.23
Accounts inspection	25.00	0	25.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>18792.15</u>	<u>3906.88</u>	<u>22699.03</u>
<b>Transfers</b>			
Net transfer UK bank to UK Paypal	-500.00	500.00	0
<b>Total transfers</b>	<u>-500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<u>56956.23</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56956.23</u>

### Bank accounts

CAFcash	4056.17
CAFGold	<u>52900.06</u>
Total	<u>56956.23</u>

### Notes

1. £1769.65 of the donations were given specifically for the hubs project
2. BIEN has received a grant from the Mustardseed Trust with which to establish regional hubs. During this financial year a salaried co-ordinator has been appointed, a manager has been contracted for the Africa hub, and a budget has been agreed for an event in South Africa.
3. £999.15 of these donated royalties was given specifically for the hubs project.

4. This figure relates to a budget for an event in South Africa in connection with the Africa regional hub
5. In connection with the hubs project, the co-ordinator is paid a salary of £1,600 per month, and the Africa hub manager a contract fee of £3,000 per quarter.

**Income and expenditure related to the Mustardseed Trust funded regional hubs project are as follows:**

	<b>1/1 to 31/12 2022</b>
	<b>Total</b>
<b>Brought forward</b>	<u>0</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Grant, Mustardseed Trust	47511.60
Donated royalties	999.15
Donations for the hubs project	1769.65
<b>Total income</b>	<u>50280.40</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Staff costs	16197.23
Events	2511.22
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>18708.45</u>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<u>31571.95</u>
<b>Funds</b>	
General Fund	16384.05
BIEN hubs project	31571.95
Permanent Fund	9000.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>56956.23</u>



Sarath Davala



Malcolm Torry, Treasurer