

Dear BIEN members,

My name is Anja Askeland, and I am Norwegian. I have a bachelor in Development Studies and a diverse experience from work life. Today I work as self-employed with administration mainly related to the art and culture sector, and related to basic income when possible. And I am Chair of BIEN Norway.

I've been part of the basic income community since we founded BIEN Norway in 2012. We were a small group of people working together in Norway and we quickly started to connect to the international basic income community. We were involved in founding UBIE and establishing the UBI-Nordic network. For a small national network it was very important to access and become part of the international basic income community.

At the BIEN Congress in Montreal in 2014 BIEN Norway was affiliated and I was elected Secretary and became a member of BIEN EC. This was both a challenging and interesting time. An important part of the job was to take part in the preparation of the last BIEN congress in Seoul in 2016. The people in BIEN will always have a special place in my heart. In 2016 I stepped down as a Secretary.

In 2017 I was elected to the coregroup of UBIE. My main task in UBIE was to help the networks get closer. We found that the way to do it was to make an UBIE event adjacent to the BIEN Congress in Lisbon 2017. From 2016 to 2019 I took part in establishing Nordic cooperation. A lot of energy went into the conference UBI- Nordic 2019 in Oslo. About this time I also took part in founding the organisation Mission Possible 2030.

I stand for the post as Volunteer Recruitment Officer. From 2012 I have worked voluntarily for basic income and I have a lot of experience from volunteering and including new volunteers in the work. In Norway we have the term "dugnad". It can be translated as volunteer work done in cooperation for a common good. I know the joy of working for something meaningful in cooperation with likeminded people and I want to make an effort to make it as easy as possible for volunteers to participate and become part of the basic income community.

Unconditionally,  
Anja Askeland