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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

Trustees during the year were as follows: Anje Askeland (until 2024-07-45), Diana Bashur, Sarath Davala, Jorgen De Wispelaere, John Simon Duffy, Jacob Elliott, James Patrick Grant, Fabienne Hansen (from 2024-08-31), Neil Howard, Michael Hinford, Reinhard Huss, Peter Titcomb Knight, Hilde Latour, Seng Kiat Lee (from 2024-08-31), Julio Linares, Annie Glenda Miller, Kai Corrigan Nau (until 2024-04-23), Olaf Michael Johannes Ostertag, Tyler Prochazka, , Lindsay Stirton (from 2024-08-31) Malcolm Torry (until 2024-08-31).

Sarath Davala was the Chair. The Deputy Chair was Hilde Latour. Lindsay Stirton replaced Malcolm Torry as Treasurer on 2024-08-31. Fabienne Hansen replaced Diana Bashur as Secretary on the same day.

Trustees met thirteen times during 2024.

The BIEN Congress took place at the University of Bath in August 2024. The 2024 Annual General Meeting took place in hybrid form (in person and online) during the 2024 Congress. The 2025 congress will take place in Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro state, Brazil.

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. In addition, 2024 saw a number of significant accomplishments in relation to BIEN's charitable purposes. In particular:

- With funding from The Institute, BIEN developed and launched a beta version of UBldata, an online repository and tool for accessing and interpreting data on Universal Basic Income.
- Pursuant to a memorandum of understanding agreed with the United Nations Development Programme in 2021, BIEN has continued to expand its engagement with the United Nations. For example, in December 2024, BIEN made a joint response (with Equal Right) to a call from the Office of the High Commissioner for

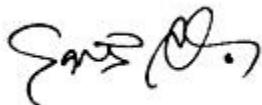
Human Rights, setting out the arguments for basic income as an instrument for a just transition.

- BIEN continued the development of regional hubs in Africa and Latin America, and established a regional hub in Asia. With funding previously agreed with Mustardseed Trust and Langkelly Chase, we were able to employ a staff member to coordinate the hubs project and to contract with organisations in these three regions to manage regional hubs. The project is supervised by trustee Neil Howard. BIEN is grateful to the Mustardseed Trust and the Langkelly Chase Foundation for their funding of this project.
- Through its work with regional hubs, BIEN engaged in public outreach in a number of different settings, including setting up an Ecuadorian network, promoting (jointly with LABIN, the Latin American Basic Income Network) inter-community dialogue among regions involved in basic income pilots, and discussion of a potential rainforest UBI pilot in Guatemala.

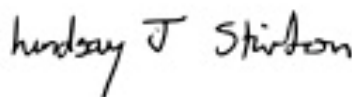
BIEN's finances are stable. Previously agreed grants from Mustardseed, Langkelly Chase and The Institute grants funded the regional hubs and knowledge repository projects, and membership fees and donations will enable BIEN to meet its other obligations for the next few years. As of the end of 2024, BIEN was anticipating a large grant from Mustardseed Trust. BIEN was also anticipating significant funding for its UBldata project from ITSA Foundation. These grants were subsequently realised, with the consequence that BIEN is in an enviable financial position.

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 2024 the activities above were in accordance with the objects of the charity: '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 2024 are freely available on the website, and an initial release of information about Basic Income via UBldata has been accomplished.



Sarath Davala (Chair)



Lindsay Stirton (Treasurer).

Date: 2025-08-31

BASIC INCOME EARTH NETWORK (BIEN)**Charity number 1177066****Receipts and payments****for the period 1st January 2024 to 31th December 2024**

	1/1 to 31/12 2024 CAF Bank	1/1 to 31/12 2024 PayPal	1/1 to 31/12 2024 Total
Brought forward, balance 31/12/23	144,946.55	1,423.22	146,369.77
Income			
Membership fees and donations	1,078.81	2,252.00	3,630.81
Donated royalties	728.13	0	783.13
Gift Aid	0	0	0
Mustardseed Trust grant for hubs project	30,529.30	0	30,529.30
The Institute grant for knowledge repository	16,000.00	0	16,000.00
Interest	<u>2,219.83</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,219.83</u>
Total income	50,556.07	2,252.00	53,163.07
Expenditure			
Website and email inboxes	1761.58	0	1761.58
Mailchimp (monthly update)	2,725.42	0	2,725.42
Zoom account	155.88	0	155.88
Matrix communications and infotech	0	249.89	249.89
Donorbox and other platform fees	38.36	0	38.36
PayPal fees/bank charges	464	68.45	532.45
Trustee expenses	953.13	0	953.13
Insurance premium	526.44	0	526.44
Events	5590.86	0	5590.86
Staff costs	22,319.76	0	22,319.76
Independent contractors	31,557.20	0	31,557.20
Knowledge repository	55,051.99	0	55,051.99
Accounts inspection	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>250</u>
Total expenditure	121,394.62	318.34	121,712.96
Transfers			
Transfer UK Bank to UK Paypal	0	0	0
Total transfers	0	0	0
Balance at 31th December 2024	74,108.00	3,356.88	77,819.88

Funds

General Fund	14,336.55
BIEN hubs project	54,607.87
Knowledge repository	-124.54
Permanent Fund	<u>9,000</u>
Total	77819.88

Bank accounts

Cafcash	7,929.01
Caf Gold	<u>66,178.99</u>
Total	74,108.00

Notes

1. Hubs project: movements 1/1/24 to 31/12/24

Hubs project balance at 31/12/23		83,546.39
Grants received		
Mustardseed	<u>30,529.30</u>	
Total grants received	30,529.30	0
Expenditure		
Hubs project coordinator salary and costs	22,319.76	
Hub managers contract fees	31,557.20	
Events	<u>5,590.86</u>	
Total costs		<u>59,467.82</u>
Hubs project balance at 31/12/24		54,607.87

This table should be read in conjunction with the hubs project projection in the appendix.

2. Knowledge repository project: movements 1/1/24 to 31/12/24

Knowledge repository project balance at 31/12/23		38927.45
Grants received		
The Institute	<u>16000.00</u>	
Total grants received		16000.00
Expenditure		
University of Bath for research	19000.00	
Autonomy for knowledge repository services	19920.00	
Common Knowledge for knowledge repository services	<u>16131.99</u>	
Total costs		<u>55,051.99</u>
Knowledge repository project balance at 31/12/24		-124.54

Lindsay Stirton, Treasurer

31 July 2025

Appendix to accounts for 1/1/24 to 31/12/24

Financial projection for the hubs project to June 2025

Please note that the financial year for the hubs project grants runs from July to June, and not from January to December.

EXPENDITURE	£
Year 1, July 2022 to June 2023	
Regional hubs co-ordinator for three years: year 1, salary £19,200 p.a. + £1,970 employer NICs and pension	21,170
Africa hub manager for three years: year 1, contract fee £12,000	12,000
Operating budget for hub manager and expenses for co-ordinator	3,000
Total for year 1, July 2022 to June 2023	36,170
Year 2, July 2023 to June 2024	
Co-ordinator year 2, salary, employer NICs and pension	23,287
Africa hub manager for three years: year 2, contract fee	12,840
Latin America hub manager for two years: year 1, contract fee	12,000
Asia hub manager for two years: year 1, contract fee	12,000
Operating budgets for three hub managers and expenses for co-ordinator	7,000
Total for year 2, July 2023 to June 2024	67,127
Year 3, July 2024 to June 2025	
Co-ordinator year 3, salary, employer NICs and pension	24,451
Africa hub manager for three years: year 3, contract fee	13,482
Latin America hub manager for two years: year 2, contract fee	12,600
Asia hub manager for two years: year 2, contract fee	12,600
Operating budgets for three hub managers and expenses for co-ordinator	8,000
Total for year 3, July 2024 to June 2025	71,133
Total for project	174,430
INCOME	
Lankelly Chase grant received	50,000
Mustardseed grant received and expected	121,054
Total income	171,054
Deficit to be met from general or permanent funds	3,376



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Basic Income Earth Network

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1177066

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

AP Garrood

Date: 16/9/2025

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Anthony Peter Garrood

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Section B

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