Welcome to the 22nd Basic Income Earth Network Congress

This is a virtual congress, organised from Glasgow, and will be hosted online from **Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21 August 2021**.

The theme is **Idea to Reality** – we want to consider how we take Basic Income from a big idea for big change to a reality. All are welcome to join us in discussion at this exciting time for the Basic Income Movement.

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From Idea to Reality

The global basic income movement is led by hundreds of committed academics, advocates and activists. For more than two decades the BIEN Congress has been a place for these people to come together and share their knowledge and expertise, to learn from each other and share practical tools for spreading the word about basic income.

There will also be a Round Up session at the end of each day of the Congress from 18:30 -20:00 (and 14:30 - 16:00 on Saturday 21st). These sessions will recap on the ideas presented throughout the day and discuss how we can turn them into action. They will also end with a performance from an artist.

Collaborating online

Although the congress is run from Glasgow, it will take place entirely online using Whova, an online conferencing platform.

When you sign up, you'll receive a link to join the Congress on Whova, where you'll be able to see the agenda, select which sessions to attend and participate in discussions with speakers and other attendees.

Whova is a user-friendly platform that lets you see everything in one place and you can access it in your web browser or by downloading the mobile app.

Click below to check out Whova and view their user guides.
Plenary Sessions and speakers

18 August

09:00 - 10:20
Welcome and Introduction to the Basic Income Earth Network World Congress 2021 in Glasgow

At this session we will welcome attendees to the Congress and give them an overview of what to expect over the next four days and how to make the most of it.

10:45 - 12:05
Scottish Basic Income experiment feasibility study

Four local authorities, Glasgow, Edinburgh, North Ayrshire and Fife, led a £250,000 Scottish Government funded study that looked at whether basic income pilots were feasible in Scotland.

The results were a world leading proposal for designing basic income pilots and a clear outline of the barriers to pilots in the UK. At this event the team that led the study will present their work.

17:00 - 18:15
Official opening of the Basic Income Earth Network World Congress 2021

The Glasgow Local Organising Committee of this year’s Congress will officially open the conference with special guest contributions, a presentation of Peace of Mind, the recent project on basic income and mental health and contributions from Local Organising Committee members Jamie Cooke, Head of RSA Scotland, Cleo Goodman, Co-Founder of Basic Income Conversation and Professor Mike Danson, Chair of Basic Income Network Scotland.

19 August

12:30 - 13:45
Glimpses of life in the Care Economy

Sarath Davala, the President of the Basic Income Earth Network chairs a discussion that challenges us to see the present and future of our society and economy through the lens of Care.

We will hear from Bela Hatvany, founder of the Mustardseed Trust, renowned economist and author Guy Standing, the artist and visionary Enno Schmidt, Zeitpolster, Will Ridrick from Grassroots Economics, Riane Eisler who visualises a partnering world, and Hilde Latour who sees a great potential in the blockchain technology to make this world a better and a caring place.

17:00 - 18:15
UN Development Programme roundtable on Basic Income

George Ronald Gray, Chief Economist of the UNDP chairs a roundtable with representatives from global organisations that oversee our development agenda and its implementation, our financial systems and standards of life and work, and more importantly our vision of the future.

Participants include UNESCO and UNICEF, the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), International Labour Organisation (ILO), World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), and others within and outside the UN fraternity that are engaging with the idea of basic income.
Plenary Sessions and speakers

20 August

12:30 - 13:45
Basic income and faith communities

In his book ‘Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future’, Pope Francis became one of the most high profile figures to endorse a Basic Income. In this session we will understand the context of his remarks and the work that has been initiated off the back of them, and the thinking around basic income that is taking place in other faith communities.

17:00 - 18:15
Cities that are taking Basic Income from idea to reality

Across the world, cities have been leading the call for basic income as they witness first hand the impacts of COVID-19, economic insecurity and social change on their citizens. Join key figures from Glasgow, Pittsburgh and other leading areas to explore what basic income might offer to cities of the 21st Century, and what they are doing to make the idea a reality.

10:45 - 12:45
Basic Income in Australia

The 2022 Basic Income Earth Network World Congress will be hosted in Australia. In this session we will hear a variety of insights from Australian speakers and the Scottish Local Organising committee will pass the baton for next year’s conference.

Speakers will be looking at how a Basic Income could solve the Australian Government’s intractable problem of increasing costs of aged care within the context of an aging population, the impacts of COVID measures in Australia that closely resemble a Basic Income and how Basic Income fits into a grander Optimisationism narrative.

12:30 - 13:45
Coming to a consensus on the definition of Basic Income to move from Idea to Reality

Currently the widely accepted definition of Basic Income outlines its five characteristics as a payment that is cash, regular, paid to the individual, unconditionally and universally. However, there has been significant deliberation recently to further clarify this definition.

During this session renowned author and basic income advocate Philippe van Parijs will chair a discussion between Annie Miller, Ali Mutlu Koyluoglu, Telemaque Masson, Pierre Madden, Toru Yamamori in an attempt to reach consensus on a new definition of basic income. With a new definition, history could be made at this Congress!

21 August

09:00 - 10:00
South Korea’s Basic Income adventure

It would surprise many to learn that South Korea with its recent transition to a developed economy, a patchy welfare state, and the rapid neoliberal turn in the wake of the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis, is on the cusp of introducing a basic income.

In this session the Basic Income Korean Network will explore the progress so far and how likely it is that a basic income will be implemented in the near future.
Basic Income in Scotland

For several years Scotland led the Basic Income debate in the UK by quite some distance. This movement seeded in Fife with the Fairer Fife Commission and expanded across Edinburgh, Glasgow and North Ayrshire. These four local authorities led a £250,000 feasibility study looking at Scottish Basic Income experiments, funded by Scottish Government.

The results of this groundbreaking study were published in June 2020, outlining best practice for pilots in Scotland (proposing the inclusion of 20,000 Scottish citizens) and the political barriers that currently exist.

“My position on that has gone from having a keen interest in exploring it to what I now describe as active support for it.”

Nicola Sturgeon
First Minister of Scotland

The SNP Manifesto at last year’s election proposed a move to a Minimum Income Guarantee in the current parliament to form the foundations for a basic income if Scotland chooses independence, which would overcome the political barriers posed by Westminster.

These sessions will consider the Scottish context, the feasibility study outputs and work being done on basic income in Scottish civil society.

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Sessions 19 August

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10:45 - 12:05: From idea to impact: Steps in bringing the Fairer Fife recommendation to life
Artists and creatives make an enormous contribution to the basic income debate. This is hardly surprising as they are one of the groups who stand to benefit most from a Basic Income and who have the skills and imagination to communicate this to the masses.

These sessions will be hosted by artists of various disciplines to interrogate basic income and how it is perceived.

### Creative Approaches

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Future Proofing our Basic Income

Basic Income is often posed as a policy whose time has come. So, as we work towards taking it from idea to reality, how do we ensure it remains a policy fit for the present and the future?

These sessions will explore various opportunities a basic income poses and how these can be maximised to ensure we future proof our basic income. We will consider health, peacebuilding, digital and cryptocurrency, the environment and the COVID crisis.

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EUROPE & RUSSIA
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Stories of Basic Income in Canada

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Lessons from Canada: The importance of lived experience in the Basic Income movement

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Mobilising youth to make basic income a reality: A workshop on meaningful youth engagement in advocacy

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Basic Income in Australia
Making the Idea a Reality

These sessions will help us really dig into the congress’s theme From Idea to Reality. They will cover everything from politicians' networks to taking basic income into the mainstream.

There will also be a Round Up session at the end of each day of the Congress to discuss big ideas, how we can take action and enjoy a creative contribution from an artist.

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Day 1 round-up: Making the Idea a Reality

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Resistance to Basic Income

17:00 - 18:15 (PLENARY)
United Nations Development Programme: A roundtable on Basic Income

18:30 - 20:00
Considering public attitudes to Basic Income

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Day 2 Round Up: Making the Idea a Reality

Sessions 20 August

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Working collectively towards a basic income (Part 1)

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Taking the idea into the mainstream

12:30 - 13:45 (PLENARY)
Let us Dream: Pope Francis calls to explore basic income

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Learning from the CPPLG: How to set up a politicians’ network to support UBI

15:30 - 16:50
Working collectively towards a basic income (Part 2)

18:30 - 20:00
Campaigning for a Basic Income in the US

18:30 - 20:00
Day 3 Round Up: Making the Idea a Reality

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18:30 - 20:00
Day 4 Round Up: Making the Idea a Reality
The Big Questions

With big ideas, like Basic Income, come big questions. These sessions aim to square the circle on some of these big questions including: funding a basic income, evaluating the success of basic income policies and pilots, designing a basic income and creating a global basic income model.

Join some of the world's foremost basic income experts and wrap your head around the big, technical questions.

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Asking the right questions about funding Basic Income

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The Idea

These sessions are hosted by a global cohort of speakers examining the core aspects of the idea of a Basic Income.

They will explore the ethical, philosophical and practical arguments for a Basic Income. There will also be detailed deliberations about a new definition of Basic Income led by some of the world’s leading experts. With a new definition, history will be made at this Congress!

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