

Peace Brigades International (PBI) UK

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Human rights defenders are making an impact.

At a time of populist governments, defenders are holding back the worst excesses of those abusing power - laying the foundations so that positive change can happen when the opportunities arise.

Indigenous leaders and environmental activists have always been the motors of meaningful action on climate change. Whether educating communities, documenting corporate abuse, or campaigning internationally, environmental defenders are proving critical in keeping climate commitments on track.

And from Colombia's peace process to Kenyan police reform, human rights defenders are propelling transformational change that was previously unimaginable.

Their impact is even more astonishing if we consider the threats they face.

A human rights defender is murdered every single day, according to Front Line Defenders. Several others are arrested, subjected to administrative sanctions, or put under surveillance – criminalised for taking a stand; smeared by the vested interests who don't want change to come. The vast majority of the human rights defenders who PBI protects have faced death threats. In many cases, their friends and children have too.

Smearing activists in an attempt to undermine their work is a global phenomenon. Here in the UK, ministers blame 'lefty lawyers' and 'eco-zealots' rather than admit their own policy flaws. Those who speak out face online trolls and aggression in the streets.

In this age of polarisation and instability, the world needs human rights defenders more than ever. And in the face of widespread smears and attacks, defenders need our support.

PBI is facing unprecedented demands from threatened defenders for our unique model of holistic protective accompaniment: Our Front Line Teams provide immediate security through on-the-ground international observation, whilst advocating to decrease the drivers of risk and training activists in how to keep themselves safe.

We're redoubling our efforts and evolving our methodologies.

Over the past year, PBI has increased its presence in some of the world's most violent territories, implementing sophisticated strategies to dissuade State and non-State armed actors from attacking

community leaders. We've linked criminalised activists with legal support networks. We've expanded our programme to train a generation of risk management specialists and embed sustainable security capacity in human rights movements. And we've laid the groundwork for a new regional hub in Southeast Asia. Our work in 2022 reached over 200,000 people across the world.

In the UK, we're working hard to increase our budget and build our team. This will allow us to push for policy change and support respite schemes, while continuing our signature legal empowerment projects and successful mobilisation of support and resources from UK stakeholders to enhance defenders' impact.

The results are tangible, and inspirational.

In November, Indigenous Guatemalan journalist Carlos Choc visited London ahead of a hearing that could have sent him to jail on trumped-up charges. Following multiple actions by PBI and others, Carlos's trial was put on hold. Several other charges against him were also dropped last year. Now, he is back out investigating and reporting on corruption and land grabs. PBI UK then catalysed a high-level delegation of international human rights lawyers to Guatemala in March, which has already helped prevent forced evictions of Indigenous communities. This is all part of our strategy to support the grassroots defenders pushing for structural change in a country that recently stared down seismic threats to democracy to elect a progressive President.

Our coalition policy advocacy has seen the UK government drop its pledge to scrap the Human Rights Act, and the Foreign Office begin development of an Open Societies, Democracy and Human Rights Strategy. In addition, a growing number of politicians, companies and investors now support our call for a law to hold UK businesses to account for their supply chains abroad.

We simply cannot do this without you. We are determined to support, protect and empower human rights defenders, and to make sure the UK Government and other stakeholders do the same. We've made progress, and – with your help – we will make more.

Thank you,

Ben Leather,
Director, PBI UK

PBI in Numbers

In 2022, PBI provided holistic protective accompaniment to



In the past **twelve months**



2,000 people

benefitted from PBI workshops to strengthen capacity in **holistic security, peace-building, conflict resolution, psychosocial support, gender rights, solidarity-based action, and intersectionality**



PBI staff and volunteers come from over **33 countries** across **6 continents**



Across 2022-23, PBI UK will have welcomed **17 defenders** from **10 countries** to London to carry out advocacy activities and events

In 12 months, as a result of PBI advocacy, **17 UK Parliamentary Questions** were tabled regarding the work of defenders we accompany



As a result of 12 months of PBI UK fundraising, at least

£100,692

in additional money has reached PBI's Front Line Teams and International Secretariat



Our Values

We are BOLD - we think outside of the box and act creatively.

We are BRAVE - we stand alongside at-risk defenders and we aren't afraid to speak out in the face of injustice.

We are INCLUSIVE - we believe that anyone, anywhere, can defend human rights and should be able to do so safely.

We are INTERSECTIONAL - we consider the impact of our work on justice and equality in regard to gender, race, LGBTIQ+ identities, disability and other protected characteristics.

We are COLLABORATIVE - we know we can't do it alone, so we partner with like-minded individuals and organisations, working to one another's strengths.

We are EFFICIENT - we prioritise key leverage points for the biggest impact possible.

We are HRD-LED - our field projects and our direct contact with defenders on the ground allow us to respond to their needs with the right actions at the right time.

We are TRANSPARENT and accountable - to our donors, our supporters, and to the human rights defenders we work with.

"I'm sure that I'm alive thanks to PBI's accompaniment."

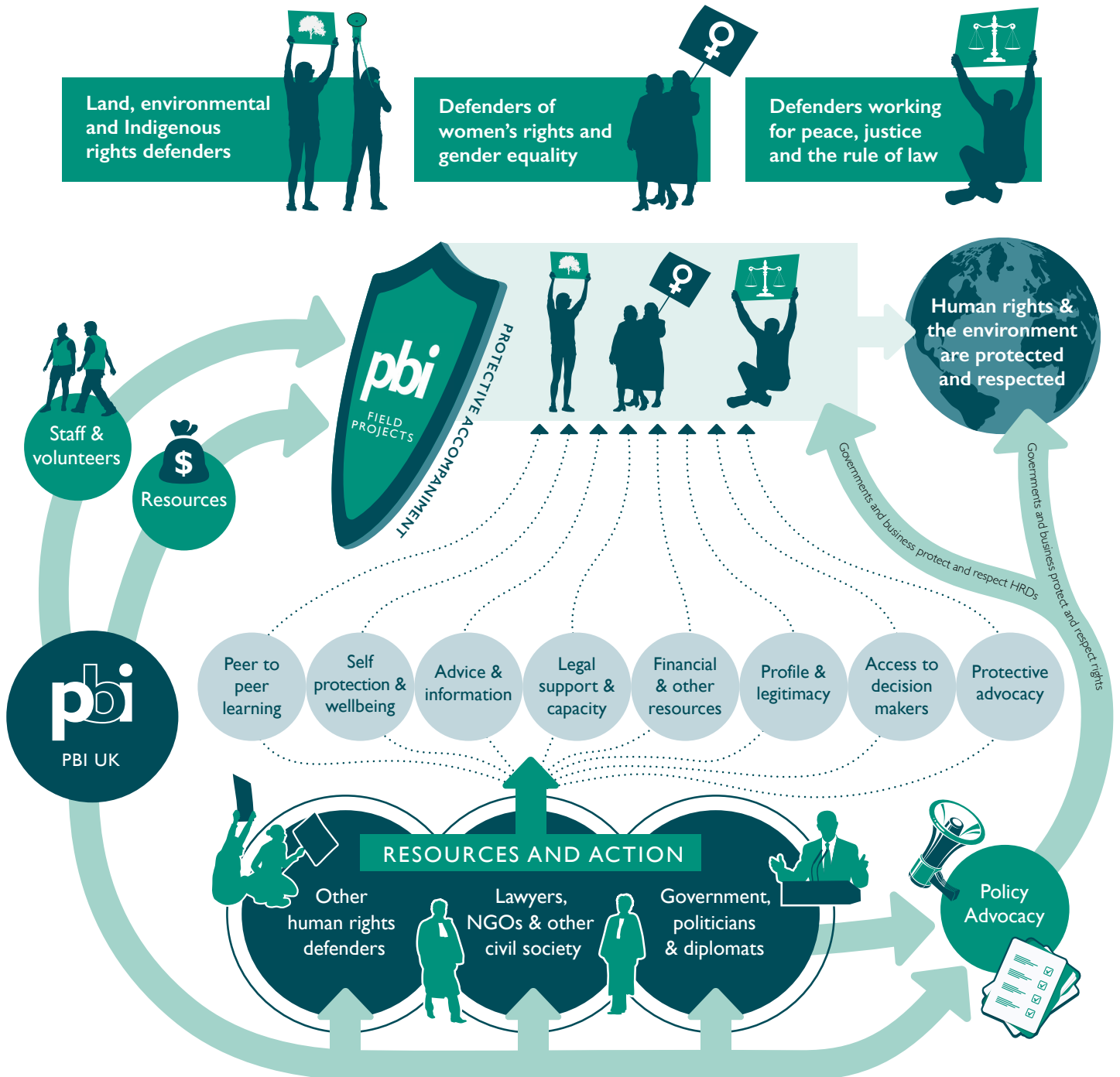
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Nomadesc, Colombia

PBI UK's Updated Strategy: Supporting, Protecting and Empowering Human Rights Defenders

In 2022, PBI UK commissioned an external evaluation of our work and, through a participative process, updated our strategy, which is summarised below.

PBI UK catalyses resources, action and advocacy to support threatened human rights defenders and ensure

governments and businesses respect rights and the environment. Through PBI's field projects, we provide holistic protective accompaniment to activists whose lives are in danger, with a focus on those facing specific and heightened risks:



PBI works with defenders in some of the world's riskiest countries, and currently has field projects in:



What we do

PBI UK supports, protects and empowers human rights defenders (HRDs) around the world, contributing to their ability to safely and effectively promote rights and protect the environment. We do this by campaigning for policy changes to ensure that governments and businesses respect human rights and take proactive action to prevent and respond to threats against HRDs. We mobilise resources and action from UK civil society, Parliament and the Government to enhance defenders' impact and help keep them safe; and we resource and support the PBI Front Line Teams providing holistic protective accompaniment to HRDs whose lives are at risk.

The threats to human rights activism - why we're needed

Around the world, HRDs face widespread obstacles, threats and attacks. Over 401 defenders were killed in 2022. Around half of these were land, environmental and Indigenous people's rights defenders. International analysis coincides with what PBI is observing on the ground: through arrest, detention, administrative sanctions and the misuse of policy and law, vested interests are colluding to criminalise those who stand up for their rights with increasing frequency.¹

HRDs are often catalysts for human rights change in their communities, countries, and globally. They are usually ordinary people taking extraordinary actions, often at great personal risk. These brave individuals and collectives take on the goliaths of governments, business, organised crime and other vested interests who will stop at nothing to maintain the status quo. This power imbalance is even more acute in the case of women, Indigenous peoples and other historically marginalised groups. Access to resources is particularly limited for rural activists and in places where governments impose legal and administrative restrictions on civil society. Impunity for human rights abuses is the norm, with many judiciaries criminalising activism rather than punishing violators.

The world needs human rights defenders, which is why we work to empower them.

Holistic Protective Accompaniment - PBI's Front Line Teams

Our unique model has evolved since it was first pioneered in 1981, but what makes PBI distinctive remains the same. It's the diverse teams of international volunteers in conflict zones and complicated contexts around the world, wearing the distinctive PBI vest, who are trained to protect threatened HRDs. Our protection strategies are grounded in a detailed analysis of what drives specific perpetrators, and how we can raise the cost on them for attacking activists, in order to dissuade them. Our teams reinforce their field presence with outreach and advocacy, as PBI remains one of the only organisations to advocate at all levels - from soldiers at a local checkpoint to UN leaders. Together, this helps create the security, policy and political environments in which HRDs can work. PBI UK supports our Front Line Teams by fundraising, by recruiting and training personnel, and by building support networks to respond in emergencies.



Support, Protect, Empower - PBI UK's Tactics



PBI UK campaigns alongside defenders for policy change so that governments and businesses respect rights and protect defenders proactively.



PBI UK mobilises resources & action from a range of UK stakeholders to enhance the safety and impact of defenders globally.



PBI UK facilitates capacity and strategy exchange across regions & campaigns to improve resilience, innovation & impact throughout the global human rights movement.



PBI UK fortifies PBI's global resources & infrastructure to ensure our sustainability, effectiveness and agility.

¹. Front Line Defenders, 'Global Analysis 2022' and Peace Brigades International internal analysis.

THE DEFENDERS WE SUPPORT AND WHAT THEY ACHIEVE

PBI works with human rights defenders in some of the most high-risk countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia, and advocates for all defenders to be protected and supported effectively. However, some of our programmes focus on groups whose activism contributes exponentially to global rights and justice, and who face specific and heightened risks:



Land, environmental and Indigenous defenders are on the front line of the fight for our planet's future. The IPCC recognises that the voices of Indigenous communities and environmentalists already suffering the consequences of climate change must be heard if we're to stem the crisis of global warming. Yet many live in fear of speaking out. More than four land and environmental defenders are murdered every week, with Indigenous defenders over-represented. Rural communities often lack the information and resources to tackle business interests affecting their rights.



MEXICO

COMBATting CRIMINALISATION SO GRASSROOTS LEADERS CAN CONTINUE TO PROTECT OUR PLANET:

The grassroots FPDTA-MPT movement has successfully stalled and challenged a series of apparently corrupt and polluting extractive projects on Indigenous lands including thermoelectric plants, water bottling facilities, and a gas pipeline. As a consequence, the criminalisation of Alejandro Torres Xocolatl - one of the group's leaders - intensified in June 2023 when he was detained. PBI carried out a global mobilisation of political and civil society contacts, whilst simultaneously providing on-the-ground observation at his judicial hearings. Alejandro's arrest warrant was withdrawn and he is now back on the front lines.



HONDURAS

WORKING IN NETWORKS TO SLOW AN ESCALATING THREAT TO RURAL DEFENDERS:

Violent reprisals in rural Honduras continue unabated. This year, environmental defenders Jairo Bonilla and Aly Domínguez - plus Aly's brother Oqueli - were murdered, in the latest violence against opponents of the Los Pinares mine, which has now belatedly been suspended by the government. PBI has bolstered numbers in our Honduras team through emergency recruitment, while our global offices are working constantly to pressure Honduran authorities and get support to the local community, which demands a permanent cancellation of the mine due to documented violations of their rights and contamination of their water supply.



INDONESIA

HOLISTIC SECURITY TRAINING FOR DEFENDERS SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES DISPLACED BY LAND GRABBING AND ARMED CONFLICT:

In 2022, PBI trained 271 Indonesian defenders and supported one key member of the country's youth movement to complete a 10-week international course on peace and conflict work. Our training helped strengthen cooperation between her movement and the rural communities displaced by land grabbing and armed conflict. She also took part in a delegation to Jakarta to raise awareness of the humanitarian emergency and brief the diplomatic community, which subsequently raised concerns with the Indonesian authorities. National media covered the issue too, resulting in improvements in the humanitarian assistance given to the displaced communities.

I am very grateful for PBI's work, even more so now that PBI is practically the only international organisation that continues to be present in our territories."

CARLOS MORALES
UVOC, Guatemala

SPOTLIGHT ON: LEGAL EMPOWERMENT FOR GRASSROOTS GUATEMALAN DEFENDERS

Responding to requests from Indigenous leaders concerned by threats to the rule of law and the rights of rural communities, PBI UK organised a high-level legal delegation to Guatemala in March. Human rights lawyers from the UK, Brazil, Peru and the US met with tens of NGOs, visited Indigenous communities and jailed human rights defenders, and engaged with Guatemalan authorities, the diplomatic community and the private sector.

In an initial press conference, the delegation called for urgent action to protect Indigenous peoples and expressed grave concern at the impact of violent forced displacements. They subsequently successfully advocated for Guatemalan authorities to stall planned evictions of Indigenous communities.

Following the unexpected election of progressive candidate Bernardo Arevalo as President in August 2023, Guatemala's democratic institutions are under increased pressure from vested interests opposing change. PBI's team there is on high alert, travelling the country to provide protection to the communities and NGOs denouncing threats to the rule of law. In the UK, we're helping the legal delegation prepare a report launch and international advocacy plan together with Indigenous leaders.

With the criminalisation of human rights defenders accelerating globally, PBI UK is also preparing legal empowerment initiatives to support activists in Honduras and Nepal, as well as continuing to connect high-level human rights lawyers with needs around the world.



Defenders of women's rights and gender equality work to end the discrimination underpinning problems which disproportionately affect women and the LGBTIQ+ community, such as sexual and gender-based violence and inadequate healthcare. This has become even riskier, with fundamentalist interest groups whipping up anger about supposed 'gender ideology'. Many working on these issues are women human rights defenders, who face distinct challenges, including threats from within their own communities, meaning they require specific and tailored support.



HONDURAS

PROTECTING LGBT+ DEFENDERS AND AMPLIFYING THEIR DEMANDS:

Public acts of homo-, trans- and bi-phobia have intensified since the military coup of 2009, with 442 violent deaths recorded by the Cattrachas Lesbian Network since then. PBI provides protective accompaniment and security training to LGBT+ rights organisations, as well as observing marches, providing communications platforms for the movement's demands, and mobilising international advocacy support. In May 2022 - following tireless campaigning by local organisations and an emblematic ruling by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights - the Honduran government made a historic apology and recognised its responsibility for the 2009 transfeminicide of human rights defender Vicky Hernández. PBI is now supporting calls for full implementation of the reparations and guarantees of non-repetition ordered by the Court.



KENYA

EMBEDDING RISK MANAGEMENT CAPACITY AND PROVIDING ADVOCACY SUPPORT TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENTS:

In Kenya, PBI works with a network of women leaders in Nairobi's urban settlements. Together, we provide training and resources on security, wellbeing, documentation and mobilisation. We also provide protective accompaniment and advocacy support to young activists working to tackle sexual and gender-based violence and denounce police abuses. We supported one of them - Junia - in carrying out a range of advocacy activities with the UK this year, where he met then Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and UN Special Rapporteur Mary Lawlor, as well as engaging the Foreign and Commonwealth Office regarding their work on gender equality.



NICARAGUA

EMPOWERING WOMEN DEFENDERS IN EXILE:

Since 2020, PBI's team in Costa Rica has supported exiled Nicaraguan human rights defenders, providing training on security, advocacy and wellbeing to women leaders. In December 2022, PBI supported Rut from the Red de Mujeres Pinoleras in an advocacy tour to Europe, where she mobilised effective international action.



Defenders working for peace, justice and the rule of law help build, protect and strengthen the institutions that allow democracy to flourish and safeguard human rights. Whether working on emblematic cases of injustice or advocating for systemic change, these activists are on a collision course with vested interests benefiting from the status quo. Sophisticated protection strategies and specific tools can allow these defenders to catalyse effective transitions to peace and the development of laws and mechanisms that give effect to international human rights obligations.



COLOMBIA

BUILDING MOMENTUM AROUND THE PEACE ACCORDS:

Colombian human rights lawyers continue to play a crucial role in the struggle for peace and justice in the country after more than half a century of civil war. In May 2022, Sebastian Uribe from the organisation CAJAR, came to the UK to lay out what a rights-based governmental agenda should look like for the country's new government. In meetings with MPs and the Foreign Office, he discussed how the UK could leverage its role at the UN Security Council to support the full implementation of the Peace Accords. This year, we welcomed Óscar Ramírez, from the CSPP, to London as part of a global tour to advocate for the international community to scale up support for 'total peace', effective police reform and protection for defenders. His visit came shortly after UK Foreign Minister James Cleverley pledged millions in aid to Colombia, allowing Oscar to transmit messages from Colombian civil society regarding how that should be spent. Following a positive response from parliamentarians, we are now working with UK and Colombian civil society to build momentum through a range of activities in Westminster and beyond.



KENYA

SUPPORTING THE DRIVE TO DECREASE POLICE VIOLENCE:

The MissingVoices coalition uses data-driven advocacy campaigns to prevent extrajudicial executions and enforced disappearances, contributing to a 30% reduction in police killings and a 38% reduction in disappearances. MissingVoices advocacy contributed to commitments by newly-elected President Ruto to establish a Special Tribunal for Gross Human Rights Violations and Enforced Disappearances, and to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances. However, coalition members have requested PBI's support due to ongoing risks. In 2022, we supported training organised by MissingVoices and facilitated contacts and spaces within the international community to help legitimise their role and build campaign momentum.



NEPAL

PROVIDING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND COMBATTING GENDER VIOLENCE:

In November 2022, we welcomed Mandira Sharma to London to attend the International Ministerial Conference on the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative, as well as to galvanise diplomatic action on Nepal. Mandira is a lawyer, activist, and co-founder of Advocacy Forum - one of Nepal's leading organisations of human rights lawyers. For over 20 years, she has been a leading voice in the transitional justice movement and represented victims of human rights violations in Nepal. During Nepal's 1996-2006 civil war, more than 17,000 people were killed, thousands were forcibly disappeared, and hundreds of thousands were displaced. The country is at a critical juncture in the struggle for transitional justice, and PBI was delighted to help Mandira build international momentum around the country's long-awaited transitional justice bill.



“
Today more than ever, we need to stand up to threats against the environment.”
REYNALDO DOMINGUEZ
 CMDBCP, Honduras
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UK POLICY UPDATE: ADVOCACY FOR SUSTAINABLE CHANGE

In positive news, after months of campaigning by tens of NGOs, including PBI, the Government finally dropped its plans to scrap the Human Rights Act and replace it with what UK civil society had dubbed a 'Rights Removal Bill'.

The Government has also responded to calls from PBI and others to update its 2019 guidelines on human rights defenders and situate them within a holistic policy. Earlier this year, the Foreign Office announced it was exploring options to build on the existing guidance, and consulted a number of NGOs, including PBI, on how to do so. PBI is engaging with all political parties to ensure that effective support for defenders and engagement with civil society are core pillars of foreign policy in all party manifestos.

PBI continues to contribute to the work of the Corporate Justice Coalition (CJC), and participated in a successful event in Parliament calling for a law mandating UK corporations to carry out human rights and environmental due diligence. As a result of this advocacy, the number of MPs backing this call is growing, while big businesses and investors have also spoken out in favour of the initiative. PBI is planning a strategy to include grassroots defenders we work with, who are most impacted by irresponsible business, in this campaign.



OUR PLANS

PBI UK's strategy aims to support the lifesaving work of PBI's Front Line Teams around the world, while ensuring that transformational environmental and human rights defenders receive support from UK stakeholders, and that the UK government does more to uphold rights at home and promote them abroad.

Over the coming year, we will:

- Continue our efforts to raise tens of thousands of pounds to support the work of PBI's Front Line Teams.
- Increase the number of people in the UK who sign up to volunteer in PBI's Front Line Teams globally.
- Support PBI's international evolution to respond to requests from human rights defenders in new countries, including through the establishment of a regional hub in Southeast Asia.
- Use momentum from the high-level delegation of human rights lawyers to Guatemala to galvanise international action in support of grassroots defenders at a critical time for democracy in the country.
- Organise a delegation of lawyers to Nepal to provide legal empowerment support to local defenders working on rule of law and transitional justice.
- Use our role on the University of Dundee's Scottish Human Rights Defenders Fellowship to provide respite and advocacy support, as well as facilitating peer-to-peer learning spaces, for defenders at risk.
- Ensure that UK Parliamentarians, the FCDO and UK Embassies take effective action to support and protect threatened human rights defenders.
- Advocate to ensure that engaging and protecting defenders is at the heart of UK foreign policy following the country's forthcoming general election.
- Work with grassroots land and environmental defenders to ensure their voices are heard in campaigns and discussions regarding UK policy on business and human rights.

PBI UK'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Sophia Kerridge is a barrister practising in all areas of criminal and regulatory law at 5SAH Chambers. She is a former field volunteer in PBI's Colombia team.



Alexander Roche is PBI UK's Vice Treasurer - a qualified accountant who works as Financial Planning & Analysis Manager for Peel Ports Group. He has previously volunteered in Cambodia as a financial consultant to an educational charity, Bookbridge Cambodia.



Rachel Cox is the interim Campaign Leader on the Land and Environmental Defenders at Global Witness, where she investigates and advocates for the rights and protection of land and environmental activists worldwide.



Steve Webster recently retired following a long career in NHS finance, holding Finance Director posts in NHS Trusts in England and a Health Board in Wales. He is PBI UK's Treasurer.



Shirin Marker is a Solicitor at Bindmans LLP, specialising in public law and human rights.

OUR ADVISORY BOARD

Christen Dobson has 15 years of experience in program management, research and resource mobilisation. She formerly worked for the International Human Rights Funders Group and is Senior Programme Manager and Researcher at the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre.

Nick Winnett has 12 years of experience in fundraising at Publish What You Fund, Global Witness, and as a consultant. He is Business Development Manager at ClientEarth.

Sierra Schraff Thomas has 15 years of experience in human rights and organisational development. She is Programme Manager at Womankind Worldwide.

MEET OUR TEAM!



Ben Leather,
Director

Ben's career began as a front line volunteer with PBI's Mexico Team, before leading their advocacy work in-country. He then worked for the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR), where he lobbied alongside activists from around the world for human rights defender protection, corporate accountability, and a stronger UN. Ben went on to work for Global Witness, where he investigated abuses linked to natural resource exploitation, and campaigned on human rights and environmental issues. Most recently, he worked at Kamara, training NGOs in risk management, and leading investigations into the perpetrators of attacks on social justice leaders. He enjoys travelling, making music, and unhealthy relationships with both cake and football.



Chris Poole,
Finance Manager

Chris has worked in the finance world since 2009, training as a public sector auditor with the Audit Commission and Grant Thornton, then moving into the non-profit sector in 2015 with roles at the MS Society and at Consortium for Street Children. Before training in finance he was a UK secondary school teacher for five years.



Katya Kerrison,
Administration and Finance Officer

Katya's career began as a support worker for women and children who have fled domestic violence and human trafficking in Bristol. This experience led her to undertake a master's program in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action at Sciences Po University, where she specialised in Gender and Migration. During her master's, she also completed two internships with Save the Children International in the Context Analysis and Foresight Unit and the Child Protection Minimum Standards Working Group. Katya enjoys watching live music, practising yoga, and engaging in outdoor activities such as hiking and camping.



Kate Fanning,
Head of Development

Kate is the Head of Development at PBI UK. She has worked for various human rights and environmental organisations, including Human Rights Watch, Greenpeace, and the Fund for Global Human Rights - in outreach and major gift fundraising, with a focus on resourcing grassroots activism and initiatives. Kate previously worked in academia, teaching courses in human rights, civil society, and international relations. In her spare time, Kate loves cooking, baking, boxing, and metalsmithing.



Christina Challis,
Advocacy Officer

Christina was previously a consultant with OHCHR. Her career began in 2017 as an intern with ANUE. From there, she joined Front Line Defenders in 2021, providing urgent action support to human rights defenders at risk globally, including a secondment supporting the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. She has been an activist in Ireland since a young age, advocating for asylum seeker rights, marriage equality and decriminalisation of abortion. She studied international law and human rights in both Ireland and Finland, specialising in gender and human rights, refugee rights, and armed conflict. For fun, she enjoys roller skating (when the weather permits!), hiking and rock climbing.



Walter Nyabadza,
Advocacy and Legal Officer

Walter is a human rights lawyer from Zimbabwe who relocated to the UK due to the situation of risk which he faced in his home country as a result of his human rights work. In Zimbabwe, Walter kicked off his legal career as a Public Prosecutor, a position which he left in protest after witnessing gross human rights abuses and selective application of the law by the Government of Zimbabwe. As defence counsel, he represented many political activists, Trade Unionists and workers in the lower and superior courts of Zimbabwe.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

In 2022/23 PBI UK has been fortunate to rely on a number of talented and committed volunteers including: **Amal Namugga, Anuja Pathak, Bruna Martins Rodrigues, Ella Makin, Eva Jotkowitz, Hailey Alexandria Williams, Roslynn Beighton, Samantha-Rose Parvin** and **Sydney Martinez**. **THANK YOU** for your incredible commitment and contribution!

Supporting our core team are **Adam Lunn** (advocacy support), **Melody Moore** (communications and fundraising support) and **Yadira Sánchez-Esparza** (development management).

We would also like to thank **Laura Grace** for four years of commitment and contribution to PBI UK's work. We're really grateful for everything Laura has done for PBI and wish her all the best in her exciting new endeavours!

OUR FINANCES AND OUR DONORS

In 2022 our income totalled
£373,208 categorised into:

Donations and grants from trusts and corporations
£135,996

Individual donations
£29,219

Legacies
£207,993



Our 2022 expenditure totalled
£172,673 categorised into:

Fundraising
£39,434

Governance
£8,468

Field volunteer recruitment, training & support
£8,748

Outreach, publicity, and communications
£20,264



Funding to field projects and international activities
£35,971

Advocacy and project support
£59,788

A 2022 external evaluation described PBI UK as 'a strong human rights organisation punching above its weight on a small budget'. We are proud to offer our donors exceptional value for money. However, in the face of increasing demands for support, rising inflation, and a desire to offer the best quality activities and impact, we have set ourselves the target of doubling our 2022 income by 2026. We are extremely grateful to our donors who are enabling us to stay on track for that target and to provide the support for human rights defenders that is described in this report. From January 2022 to September 2023 they included:

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We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everybody who has made individual donations to PBI this year - through one-off gifts, through our Big Give fundraisers, and especially through monthly donations. You're too many people to list here, but your support is the lifeblood of PBI's work.

PBI UK would also like to express its gratitude to the individuals and institutions that directly sponsor a number of our activities, meaning that we can keep activity costs low and operate on a reduced budget.

Our support for human rights defenders is further enhanced by the pro bono support of staff from **Clifford Chance, Doughty Street Chambers, and 33 Bedford Row.**

Thank you also to PBI UK's Patrons: **Sir Nicolas Bratza, Lord Carnwath of Notting Hill, Julie Christie, John Dew, Professor Jeffrey Jowell KC, Helena Kennedy KC, Jenny Pearce, Sir Peter Roth, and Lord Scott of Foscote.**

We would like to dedicate this report and our ongoing work to one of PBI's greatest supporters, who preferred to remain anonymous but who left a generous legacy to PBI UK when she sadly passed away in 2022. PBI UK's Board and Director have decided to spend down this legacy as if it were a 3.5-year grant, allowing us a cushion of sustainability upon which to implement our updated strategy. We are extremely grateful.

Our full financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022, are online now at:
peacebrigades.org.uk/finance



SUPPORT PBI TODAY!

With PBI's support, human rights defenders continue to have a huge impact.

In Guatemala, Indigenous leaders accompanied by PBI won a landmark court case to prohibit destructive mining projects on their land.

In Kenya, grassroots activists we protect in Nairobi's slums have worked to decrease the number of extrajudicial killings by the police.

In Colombia, the organisations we support gained key provisions on rights and justice in the country's peace accords after half a century of civil war.

For 40 years, PBI volunteers have accompanied human rights defenders in their darkest hours and their greatest triumphs, but that would have been impossible without your support.

The threats facing activists are evolving, but so are our tactics. Business involvement in attacks on defenders has skyrocketed, which is why we are advocating for laws to regulate their behaviour. Violent assaults on LGBTI+ activists are on the rise, which is why we provide groups with protective accompaniment. Freedoms are under threat at home too, which is why we are working to oppose UK government plans to roll back rights.

Your support will help us respond.

If you can, please give generously today by scanning this QR code or heading to peacebrigades.org.uk/donate



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