

PBI UK

# Annual Review 2014

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making space for peace

**Protecting human  
rights defenders  
at risk since 1981**



# Field projects



## Colombia

21 international volunteers accompanied 91 defenders working on a range of issues from natural resource protection to forced disappearances, with a particular focus on land restitution cases. PBI also ran workshops on self-protection which offered social organisations tools for security as well as for emotional care. Volunteers are based in Bogotá, Barrancabermeja and Urabá.



## Guatemala

Nine international volunteers accompanied 83 defenders working on the environment and land rights, impunity and globalisation. Volunteers are based in Guatemala City and travel to other areas of the country, including a regular presence in the departments of Quiché, Chiquimula, Alta Verapaz and Petén through which they increase their support of human rights defenders in remote rural areas.



## Honduras

PBI began protective accompaniment in Honduras in May 2014, following intensive preparatory work. A small team of five international volunteers accompanied 18 defenders working on business and human rights, land rights, indigenous rights, freedom of expression, support for victims and women's rights. Volunteers are based in Tegucigalpa and travel to other parts of the country.



## Indonesia

PBI continued to monitor the situation for human rights defenders, particularly in West Papua. It is working with an established NGO in Jakarta to develop an innovative training programme to strengthen the capacities of Indonesian defenders working in isolated regions. The first two rounds of training will be conducted in 2015.



## Kenya

Four international volunteers carried out the project's first accompaniments with defenders working in the informal settlements of Nairobi. The project continued to build relationships with grassroots Kenyan defenders and civil society, as well as undertaking important lobbying and legal work.



## Mexico

Nine international volunteers accompanied 99 defenders working on forced disappearances, impunity, indigenous rights and environmental protection. Volunteers are based in two field teams in Oaxaca and in the north, covering the states of Chihuahua and Coahuila, and one coordination office in Mexico City.



## Nepal

PBI ended its field presence in Nepal on 1 January 2014. It continued collaborating with local organisations in order to provide capacity building tools to human rights defenders on the ground through in-country support and delegations of international lawyers.

# Vision and mission

## PBI's vision

PBI envisions a world in which people address conflicts non-violently, where human rights are universally upheld and social justice and intercultural respect have become a reality.

## What does PBI do?

PBI has been working to support human rights and promote nonviolence for more than 30 years. We send teams of international observers to areas of conflict and repression to provide protective accompaniment to local human rights defenders whose lives and work are under threat.

Our work is based on principles of non-partisanship and non-interference, in the belief that lasting transformation of violent conflict cannot be imposed from outside but must be based on the capacity of local people to build a genuine peace. We act only at the express request of local people and it is they who determine where our assistance is most needed. PBI UK, as one of 13 country groups in Europe and North America, is responsible for the vital support work that allows the field programmes – in Colombia, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Kenya – to operate smoothly. Its main areas of work are political support building, recruitment and training of volunteers, outreach, publicity and fundraising.



### COVER PHOTO

A PBI volunteer accompanies the funeral of Juan Francisco Martínez, a murdered member of the Lenca indigenous movement in La Paz, Honduras.

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# What we do

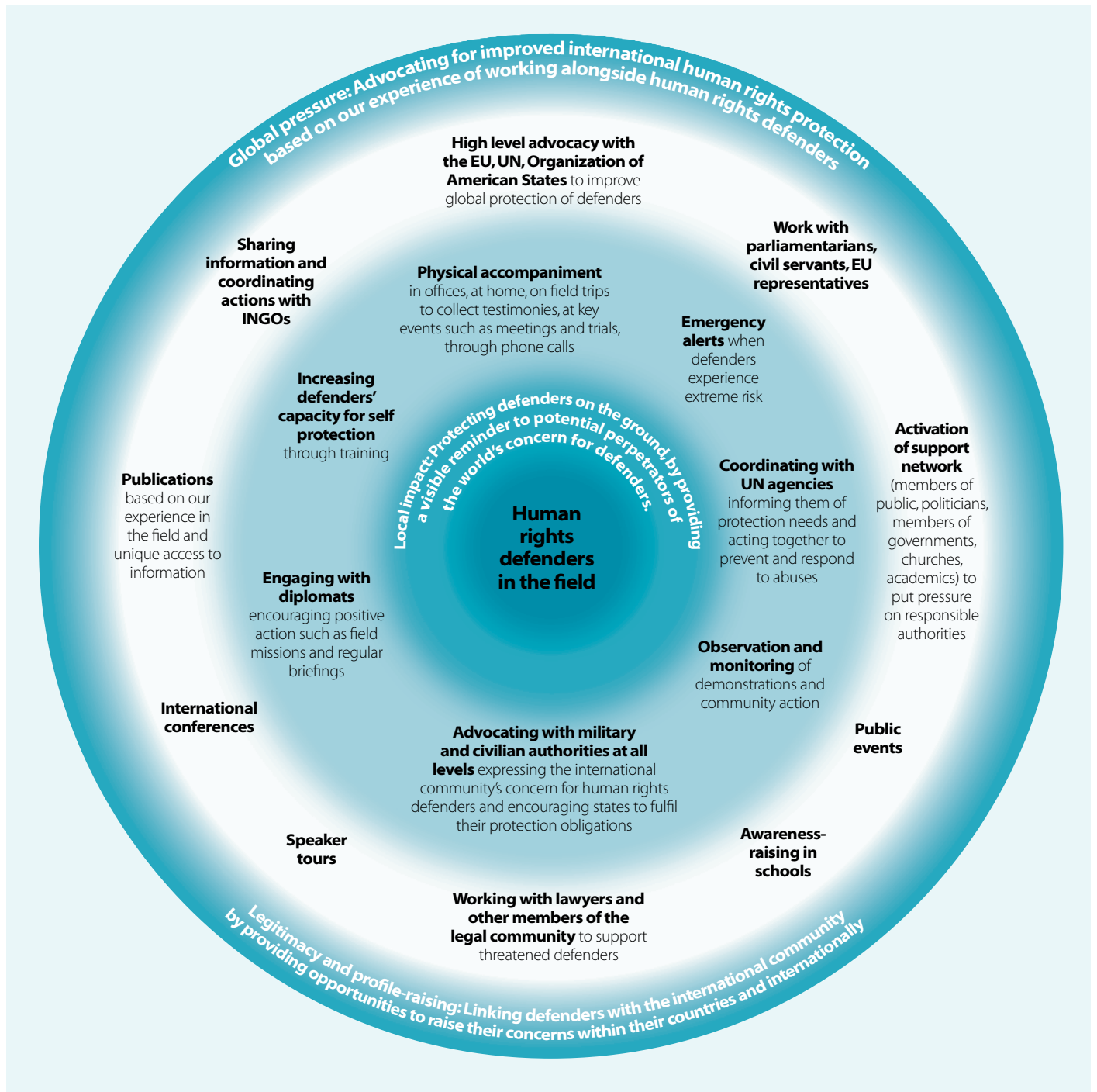
**H**uman rights defenders – courageous people who stand up for the rights and dignity of their communities because they believe in peace and justice for all – are at the heart of all we do at PBI.

We provide protection, support and recognition to local human rights defenders

who work in areas of repression and conflict and have requested our support. In addition to this international protective accompaniment, we carry out peace education and security training, and help human rights defenders make links with others.

We advocate at all levels – from the

soldier at a local checkpoint to national governments and international bodies such as the UN – for international human rights accountability. Our international volunteers send a powerful message that the world is watching and prepared to act.



# Letter from the Board of Trustees

**2** 014 was a challenging year for human rights, with defenders across the countries where we work reporting an alarming escalation of attacks, threats and criminalisation against them. In this context, PBI's protective strategy of physical accompaniment reinforced by a network of international support played a valuable role in allowing many defenders to continue their struggle to protect the rights of individuals and communities from some of the most vulnerable sectors of their societies.

Through fundraising, publicity and advocacy, PBI UK continued to support the work of PBI's field teams throughout the year. We activated our support network seven times in 2014, with considerable success in lessening the risks felt by threatened human rights defenders (HRDs). We would like to thank our international network for the key role they play in guaranteeing the effectiveness of PBI's protective accompaniment.

PBI UK hosted speaking tours for eleven HRDs in 2014, providing opportunities for them to highlight their concerns in person. Through meetings with decision makers, lawyers and social organisations, as well as public events, the defenders were able to build relationships, gain support and raise awareness of the challenges they face – all of which further contributed to their protection.

The Alliance for Lawyers at Risk continued to play an invaluable role, coordinating several roundtables to discuss the concerns of visiting HRDs and often going on to provide specialist legal support and engage in advocacy on their behalf. Alliance members also collaborated with PBI on major events, including an event at the House of Lords on behalf of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó. The two lawyers' delegations organised by the Alliance in collaboration with PBI, to Kenya and Nepal, were of huge value in identifying particular needs of HRDs, developing their links with the British legal community, and building PBI's support networks on the ground. We would like to thank the Alliance for its important contribution during the year, and in particular Sir Henry Brooke, Sir Peter Roth, and our Lawyers' Advisory Committee for their continued dedication and commitment to PBI's work.

In collaboration with other organisations, PBI UK took advantage of several opportunities in 2014 to advocate for policy offering better

protection for HRDs. We produced briefings and reports for the Global Summit on Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, the ten-year anniversary of the EU Guidelines on the Protection of HRDs, the new EU Human Rights and Democracy Strategy and the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, also participating

our "Picasso for Human Rights" fundraising event in July.

Despite the difficulties and concerns surrounding the deteriorating human rights situation in 2014, the year was also a rewarding one for PBI's field projects. PBI Colombia celebrated its 20th anniversary of continuing



Members of the Peaceful Resistance of La Puya, who have maintained a protest camp near the entrance of the "El Tambor" gold mine since March 2012

in or organising side events at three of these occasions.

We continued to recruit and train the field volunteers who carry out PBI's physical accompaniment, holding an orientation weekend in August at which volunteers who had recently returned from the field introduced prospective volunteers to its philosophy and methods.

Our work was made possible by the generous support of our funders, in particular the recurrent grants from the Sigrid Rausing Trust, the Tinsley Foundation, the Bromley Trust and the A B Charitable Trust, as well as a new grant from the Open Society Foundations. We would also like to give special thanks to Frederick Mulder CBE for his contributions to

presence in the country, and our new projects in Kenya and Honduras made significant progress in establishing an effective field presence and building support networks both within the countries and with the international community. We also continued to develop innovative new ways to support HRDs through training programs and online tools.

PBI UK is hugely grateful to the staff and volunteers, both at home and in the field, on whose passion and dedication our work depends. Finally, we wish to express our deep admiration for the human rights defenders who continue to risk their lives in defence of a safer and more peaceful world. Their courage and conviction is at the core of everything we do.

# PBI UK: achievements in 2014

**P**BI UK plays a significant role in the global protection of human rights defenders (HRDs). Through recruiting and training field volunteers, developing policy and advocacy strategies to galvanise the support of elected officials, civil servants, lawyers, academics, organisations and other individuals, fundraising, and raising awareness of human rights issues, our activities encourage action by the international community and contribute to promoting and protecting human rights worldwide.

## Increasing solidarity and support for HRDs and the issues they work on

PBI UK has continued to reach out to institutions and individuals across sectors to promote the work of human rights defenders and to create lasting connections between people committed to supporting social change around the world.

PBI UK invites HRDs from accompanied organisations to the UK so that they can build international solidarity networks by highlighting their concerns in person and discussing their needs for support from the legal community, capacity building and protection.

In 2014, the following HRDs visited: Human rights lawyers Rommel Duran (Colombia), Alirio Uribe (Colombia), Donald Hernandez (Honduras) and Luis Guillermo Perez Casas (Colombia); community leaders German Graciano and Gildardo Tuberquía of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó (Colombia), Enrique Cabezas and Yomaira Mendoza (Colombia), Isabel Turuy (Guatemala) and Malu Aguilar (Mexico); and journalist Dina Meza (Honduras).

PBI UK organised public talks and high profile meetings around these tours, many in collaboration with the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk. The Alliance held several roundtables to coincide with the visits, discussing issues surrounding land rights and criminalisation of environmental defenders in Colombia, Honduras and Guatemala. (For more about the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk, see page 13.) In October, PBI UK collaborated with ABColombia in the organisation of an All-Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group (PHRG)

Gildardo Tuberquía from the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó at the House of Lords event culminating the Lush campaign



event about land-grabbing and violation of human rights in Colombia, attended by land restitution leaders Enrique Cabezas and Yomaira Mendoza (see page 8).

Advocacy by PBI UK led to Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg meeting with PBI's Colombia field team in February. He later praised PBI's work in the House of Commons.

In March 2014 PBI supported the "Peace Pioneer" campaign, initiated by the ethical cosmetics company Lush on behalf of the San José de Apartadó Peace Community in Colombia and made possible by the generous backing of The Funding Network. Peace community members who visited the UK for the campaign spoke in Lush shops, to Amnesty groups and PBI supporters, and at universities. The campaign culminated in an event at the House of Lords where petitions collected in the UK calling for security and access to justice for the Peace Community were presented to the Colombian ambassador (see page 9).

PBI UK organised a "Picasso for Human Rights" garden party in July, celebrated in the home of Picasso expert and Funding Network founder Frederick Mulder CBE, which raised £20,000 for PBI's work in Kenya (see page 17).

## Responding to emergency situations

PBI's presence on the ground is effective because it is backed by international support networks, developed and maintained by the 13 country groups, which include PBI UK. PBI UK's support network consists of more than 50 members of the political and legal communities, who use their influence to help protect threatened human rights defenders, for example through diplomatic channels or by raising issues in Parliament.

In 2014 we activated our support network seven times to lobby the British government and to address situations of serious and imminent risk for HRDs and the groups they represent. In many cases this has led to a lessening of risk, enabling them to continue their work without fear. Five members of our network raised parliamentary questions relating to threats to HRDs we accompany.

## Campaigning for policy that offers better protection for HRDs

The knowledge and experience gained through PBI's fieldwork, as well as our thorough research and analysis, make PBI a valued source of information on the situation of HRDs among political bodies and civil society groups. This reputation allows PBI to influence recommendations on a range of areas relating to HRDs and their protection, stimulating debate and contributing to key policy developments. To facilitate this, we have continued to forge strategic alliances with NGOs and civil servants in London, Brussels and Geneva. In 2014, PBI UK played a particularly prominent advocacy role, both within the UK and internationally.

■ In June, PBI UK was invited to participate in the first Global Summit on Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, organised by the Foreign Office (FCO). PBI fed into a strong FCO advocacy paper on supporting WHRDs for the summit and is part of an NGO working group that will follow up on its conclusions (see page 10).

■ To coincide with the ten year anniversary of the EU Guidelines on the Protection of HRDs, PBI compiled a report comprising research with HRDs in Mexico, Guatemala and Colombia, which was presented at an event in Brussels attended by NGOs, embassies and UN representatives. Following the event, the EU Council reiterated its commitment to supporting HRDs and to stepping up EU efforts against all forms of reprisal.

■ In December 2014, PBI UK fed into the FCO briefing in preparation for the new EU Human Rights and Democracy Strategy for 2015-2019. Among other things, it recommended that the EU should monitor its trade and development policies to ensure their consistency with its human rights commitments, and secure the meaningful consultation of HRDs in the context of such policies. The FCO took up the suggestions immediately for use in its negotiations at EU level.

■ PBI organised a side event at the second Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, on ensuring participation of land and environmental rights defenders

in all business initiatives and discussions. PBI produced a briefing with recommendations on how National Action Plans could be developed to protect HRDs, with clear plans for their implementation and monitoring.

■ PBI regularly briefs FCO officials and embassy staff departing for or returning from the countries where we work. In 2014 this included a meeting with Minister for Latin America Hugo Swire MP, as part of advocacy around a submission to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) on trends in the use of criminalisation in Latin American countries. The Minister committed to monitor such cases.

We continued to raise cases of concern of HRDs at risk with the All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) on Human Rights and on International Corporate Responsibility, and to be an active contributor to the work of ABColombia.

## Raising the media profile of the work of PBI and the HRDs we accompany

Increased visibility of HRDs' situations at local and international levels lends legitimacy to their work, and the publicity gained helps to deter potential attacks.

PBI's work was featured in national, specialist and online publications, including a Guardian article on human rights violations in Curbaradó that was shared by over 500 people. In June, PBI was selected for a Radio 4 appeal, which was read by former PBI volunteer Dan Slee and raised over £8,000. Our events were advertised through a range of media, including ABColombia and the Law Society's Human Rights newsletters, as well as social media and our own website.

As well as issuing e-newsletters and information on our campaigns to subscribers, we further developed our social media presence in 2014 to widen our audience and reach new supporters. PBI UK has become established as a specialised information source in social media and the number of our followers is increasing steadily. By the end of 2014, PBI had over 2,200 followers on Facebook and Twitter. Our website continued to attract 1,000 unique visits a month, around 70% of which were new.

## PBI's support network in action – PBI Guatemala visa cancellations

Following PBI's observation of the violent eviction of La Puya, a community engaged in peaceful resistance to gold mining operations in the municipalities of San José del Golfo and San Pedro Ayampuc, the Guatemalan government cancelled the temporary residence visas of two volunteers.

PBI Guatemala issued an emergency alert, expressing concern that the move would seriously undermine the capacity of international observers to protect non-violent spaces of conflict resolution and promotion of human rights in the country. PBI activated our high-level support network around the world, providing detailed information to key audiences including diplomatic staff, parliamentarians and authorities.

In the UK, high-profile legal members of our support network voiced their concerns to the FCO, and PBI patrons Sir Henry Brooke CMG and Sir Peter Roth raised the issue with the FCO Minister for Latin America. Subsequently, the diplomatic personnel of various European embassies met with Guatemalan Interior Minister Mauricio López Bonilla, leading to the revocation of the visa cancellations. It is thanks to this huge show of international support that PBI has been able to continue its work in Guatemala uncompromised.

## Recruiting and supporting volunteers to be human rights observers

PBI UK held one orientation weekend for 11 potential volunteers in August 2014, and there were five volunteers from the UK working across the field projects. We also provided short-term employment to three returned volunteers, helping them to reintegrate and ensuring that their experiences and knowledge could contribute to PBI UK's advocacy and publicity work. They participated as trainers at our orientation weekend, spoke at public engagements, worked on our events and wrote articles and reports.

# Defenders of land and environmental rights

**I**ndigenous and campesino communities defending their ancestral lands face a unique set of risks. As well as standing up to powerful interest groups, they are often marginalised both geographically and socially, working in isolated rural areas in conditions of extreme poverty, with poor communications and little access to legal protections.

A report by campaign group Global Witness found 116 cases of killings of environmental defenders in 2014 – over double the figure of ten years previously. Besides the killings, activists also faced increased risks including intimidation, physical violence and criminalisation. This escalation of threat was experienced by many of the organisations PBI accompanies that support communities defending their lands and environments.

■ In Oaxaca, staff of CODIGO-DH (Integral Defence Committee for Human Rights Gobixha) have noted an increase in threats and harassment since the organisation began representing members of local indigenous communities opposed to the construction of a wind farm on the Tehuantepec Isthmus. In July 2014, they received two threatening phone calls, warning that they would face serious reprisals for their support of the communities.

■ PBI began accompanying CEHPRODEC (Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development) in May 2014. CEHPRODEC's current work includes providing legal support to the Independent Indigenous Lenca Movement of La Paz (MILPAH) in their resistance to the construction of hydropower projects on their territory. In December 2014, PBI issued an alert about the escalation of attacks and criminalisation against MILPAH communities. Despite the increased international attention generated by the alert, MILPAH's security situation remains grave, with a member of the organisation murdered in January 2015 and continuing criminalisation of its leaders.

■ In Guatemala, the "New Day" Ch'orti Campesino Central (CCCND) provides support and legal representation to indigenous Ch'orti communities who are opposing the construction of hydroelectric and mining projects on their ancestral land. During 2014, members of CCCND experienced an alarming escalation of threats and attacks against them,

reporting 109 security incidents to PBI in just eight months. In September, various protesters were injured and two members of CCCND were arrested during a peaceful protest, which was broken up by police using firearms, teargas, sticks and stones.

## Progress in Curbaradó land restitution case

The communities of Curbaradó and Jiguamiandó in northwest Colombia have been struggling to return to their lands for almost two decades. Forcibly displaced in the mid-1990s as part of paramilitary counter-insurgency operations, around 3,000 Afro-Caribbean campesinos were driven into marginal existences in shelters or with family members. In 2006, when the displaced inhabitants began to return to their territories, they found that the seized land had been turned into large-scale oil palm plantations. Since then, the returned population has received frequent attacks and intimidation from illegal armed actors.

Through its accompaniment of the Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission (CIJP), PBI has been supporting these communities throughout their struggle. CIJP's work focuses on the restitution of property and the promotion of truth, justice and reparation for victims of forced displacement. Largely due to CIJP's efforts, in 2012 the Prosecutor's Office issued arrest warrants for 24 palm oil businessmen that had allied with paramilitary groups to displace the Curbaradó and Jiguamiandó communities and occupy their land.

Since the beginning of the legal proceedings, the returned populations have reported an alarming deterioration in their security, with assassinations, forced disappearances and death threats to communal leaders. In August 2014 two land restitution leaders testifying in the case, Yomaira Mendoza and Enrique Cabezas, were forced to seek exile in Spain after being targeted with over 80 security incidents including threats, break-ins and attempted murder.

PBI UK has been active throughout 2014 in promoting the communities' struggle for justice. Together with our patron Sir Henry Brooke CMG, PBI UK met with the FCO Minister for Latin America in July to highlight the issue. In response, the UK Ambassador raised the

**// PBI's support has allowed resistance and defence of the rights of the peasant, indigenous and Afro-descendant communities that we accompany. The accompaniment is essential because international presence becomes a deterrent and this has meant lives are saved. //**

**Father Alberto Franco, Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission**

case with the Interior Minister in Colombia, who committed to develop a protection plan for the communities. In October, PBI UK organised a speaking tour for Yomaira Mendoza and Enrique Cabezas in which they met with NGOs, British politicians and the UK FCO, including one parliamentary event in which representatives from the Colombian embassy were present. They also gave a talk at a roundtable event hosted by Matrix Chambers and were interviewed for a prominent *Guardian* article.

In December 2014, 16 palm oil businessmen were sentenced to 7-10 years



A PBI volunteer on accompaniment in the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó



imprisonment for using paramilitary groups to illegally obtain territory. Despite this progress, the state of threat in the communities remains high, and PBI continues to monitor the situation closely.

### **San José Peace Community members participate in Havana victims' delegation**

The Peace Community of San José de Apartadó is a series of rural settlements in the Urabá region of northwest Colombia, whose residents have managed to resist displacement by declaring themselves neutral in the armed conflict. The Peace Community faces serious risks due to commercial interests in their land and the continuing presence of illegal paramilitary groups. Over 200 of its members have been murdered since it was established in 1997.

In 2014 PBI collaborated with the ethical cosmetics company Lush, who have a fair trade organic cocoa project with the community, to initiate the "Peace Pioneer" campaign. Peace Community members Gildardo Tuberquía and German Graciano visited the UK for the campaign, speaking in Lush shops, to Amnesty groups and at universities, helping to gather 25,000 signatories to a petition calling for security

and access to justice for their community. They also met with members of PBI's Support Network including Jeremy Corbyn MP and Baroness Coussins, the FCO Business and Human Rights Team and representatives of the APPGs on Human Rights and on Corporate Responsibility. The campaign culminated in an event at the House of Lords, hosted by PBI patron Lord Joffe, where the petitions that had been collected in the UK were presented to the Colombian ambassador. PBI produced a report called "Solidarity Economy" about the partnership of Lush with the Peace Community as an example of good business and human rights practice.

Subsequently, the Peace Community was invited to participate in the fourth victims' delegation to Havana, which is part of the current peace process. This gave them the opportunity to address negotiators from the FARC guerrilla group and the Colombian government about their suffering during the armed conflict and how best to allow them justice and closure.

### **Violent eviction of the Peaceful Resistance of La Puya**

The Peaceful Resistance of La Puya has maintained a protest camp near the entrance of the "El Tambor" gold mine since March 2012. The camp is made up of residents of the neighbouring towns of San José del Golfo and San Pedro Ayampuc, who are concerned about the repercussions of mining operations for the communities' water supply and demand that the Guatemalan State comply with its legal obligations to consult the communities prior to the establishment of such projects.

La Puya has suffered continual threats and attacks from the start, alongside a concerted campaign of criminalisation. Individuals linked to the mining company have brought criminal charges against eight members of the resistance, accusing them of coercion, threats, and false imprisonment. In April

### **Accompanied organisations working on land and environmental rights**

**Colombia** Berenice Celeyta, NOMADESC; Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission (CIJP), Bajo Atrato region; Judicial Liberty Corporation (CJL); Luis Carlos Pérez Lawyers' Collective (CCALCP); Peace Community of San José de Apartadó; Peasant Farmer Association of the Cimitarra River Valley (ACVC); Social Corporation for Community Advisory and Training Services (COS-PACC)

**Guatemala** Association of Indigenous Women of Santa María Xalapán (AMISMAXAJ); Communities in Peaceful Resistance of La Puya; Cunén Communities Council; K'iche' Peoples Council (CPK); "New Day" Ch'orti Campesino Central (CCCND); Verapaz Union of Campesino Organisations (UVOC)

**Mexico** Bartolomé Carrasco Briseño Regional Centre for Human Rights (Barca-DH); Human Rights Integral Defence Committee Gobixha (Codigo-DH); Services for an Alternative Education A.C. (EDUCA); Juan Gerardi Human Rights Centre; Tlachinollan Human Rights Centre

**Honduras** Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), Dina Meza (journalist)

2014, three of the accused were sentenced to nine years in prison, though numerous organisations have called the verdict into question because of abuses of due process and bias.

On 23 May 2014, the protest camp was violently evicted after negotiations broke down between community members and public institutions when the government reneged on their promise to accept the participation of third party observers. PBI witnessed excessive use of force by the National Civilian Police (PNC) during the eviction, including the use of teargas, clubs and stones.

PBI UK has engaged in sustained advocacy on behalf of the community, including raising the case with the FCO Minister for Latin America. PBI believes that it is as a result of such actions that the communities have been able to continue their peaceful protest despite the eviction, and that the remaining five criminalised resistance members were acquitted of all charges against them.



# Advocacy and capacity building for WHRDs

**W**omen human rights defenders (WHRDs) include lawyers, representatives of victims' groups, journalists, and indigenous women seeking to protect their land, culture and environment. They do the same work as their male counterparts, and face many of the same challenges and risks. However, WHRDs suffer additional threats and obstacles that result from the stigma many cultures place on women who speak out to challenge the status quo. These may include the use and threat of sexual violence, harassment and verbal abuse focused on their gender, and threats directed towards their children and families. Because of this particular vulnerability, protecting WHRDs is one of the key priorities of PBI's work, not only through accompaniment but also through advocating to shape policies that promote women's rights and protect WHRDs, and providing capacity building training and tools for WHRDs on the ground.

## Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict

Following a strategic conference on the protection of WHRDs that was co-organised by PBI in 2012 and lobbying around the G8 declaration on sexual violence in conflict, PBI was invited to participate in the first Global Summit on Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, organised by the FCO in June 2014. PBI fed into a strong FCO advocacy paper on supporting WHRDs for the summit and participated in a

**// The decision to seek dialogue with the Attorney General... was based on what we did with PBI in an advocacy workshop. It went very well since the young people [who had been arrested and tortured by police] were freed. We designed our strategy around what we did in the workshop, and when we think about advocacy we always go back to the tools transferred by PBI. //**

**Diana Moralez, Paso del Norte Human Rights Centre, Mexico**

joint event with ABColombia examining the factors that make WHRDs so vulnerable to sexual violence. Various WHRDs spoke at the event, including María Luisa Aguilar Rodríguez of the Tlachinollan Human Rights Centre in Mexico.

The Global Summit addressed several issues of key importance in the protection of WHRDs and has already yielded some very positive results, particularly in its aim to encourage states to strengthen domestic laws to enable prosecutions. In Colombia, a law was passed following the summit that defines acts of conflict-related sexual violence as war crimes, which could bring long-awaited justice to victims. PBI is part of an NGO working group led by Amnesty International UK that will continue to follow up on the summit's

conclusions with the UK government and other political bodies.

## Capacity building for WHRDs

PBI is part of a three-year EU project to develop tools to help Mexican WHRDs strengthen their capacities in areas crucial to their work. PBI is developing a learning platform to build defenders' skills in advocacy and campaigning, awareness of national, regional and international protection mechanisms, and tools for reporting and documenting violations. This platform opens an educational space for the concept of integral protection and security through courses, workshops and roundtables in which participants can convey their protection needs to the diplomatic corps. The platform is accompanied by an online toolkit for the integral protection of women defenders of the land and the environment, kindly funded by the Evan Cornish Foundation.

During 2014 PBI also trialled this toolkit with a group of WHRDs in Kenya, with a view to adapting it to different political and cultural contexts for use by WHRDs worldwide. The toolkit addresses needs identified at the Women Human Rights Defenders strategic conference in 2012 by providing an online resource through which WHRDs can access information on aspects of their work such as media relations, advocacy and personal security. PBI launched the toolkit in 2015.



Relatives of disappeared persons during the annual Mother's Day Protest in Mexico City

# Women on the Frontline

## Dina Meza Journalist, Honduras

Dina Meza is a renowned Honduran journalist and defender of the rights to freedom of expression and information. She carries out investigative works and has reported on human rights violations in cases such as that of the ongoing agrarian conflict in Bajo Aguán. In 2007 she received the Amnesty International UK Special Award for Human Rights Journalism Under Threat. She is currently working independently and continues to denounce repression and corruption through her online newspaper "Pasos de Animal Grande"

Honduras has suffered a dramatic deterioration in its human rights situation since the coup in 2009. Global Witness identified Honduras as the country with the most murders of land and environmental defenders per capita in the world in 2014, and it is also among the most dangerous countries to work as a journalist. Dina Meza has been subjected to multiple acts of intimidation, including threats of sexual violence and harassment of her family.

In recognition of her bravery and commitment to free speech, Dina Meza was awarded the Oxfam Novib/PEN International Free Expression Award in January 2014. PBI coordinated a speaking tour in March during which she participated in an EU-organised NGO conference in Brussels and met with members of PEN, Global Witness and Amnesty

International in the UK. In December she became the founding President of PEN Honduras, which will campaign to protect journalists threatened by violent repression and combat persistent impunity for attacks against them.

Dina Meza has received official accompaniment from PBI since May 2014. The level of threat against her remains severe, with PBI issuing an alert in July 2015 after she reported a series of security incidents including sabotage of her car.

## Ruth Mumbi Bunge la Wamama, Kenya

Ruth Mumbi is a Kenyan WHRD who has spent years fighting for the rights of marginalised women. She was born and raised in the informal settlement of Mathare on the outskirts of Nairobi, where the majority of the 500,000 residents live in abject poverty and survive on less than a dollar a day. They face gross human rights violations from both state and non-state actors, such as illegal arrests, forceful evictions, forced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, torture, sexual violence on women and girls and political violence around election periods.

In 2010, Ruth founded and led Waremo Ni Yes, a group of young women who campaigned for the adoption of the current constitution of Kenya. She is a founding member of Bunge la Wamama (BLW), a women's social movement

## Accompanied women human rights defenders

### Colombia

Berenice Celeyta, NOMADESC; Claudia Julieta Duque (journalist); Luis Carlos Pérez Lawyers' Collective (CCALCP)

### Guatemala

Association of Indigenous Women of Santa María Xalapán (AMISMAXAJ); National Coordinating Body of Guatemalan Widows (CONAVIGUA)

### Mexico

Alba Cruz, Human Rights Integral Defence Committee Gobixha (Código-DH); Tita Radilla, Mexican Association of Relatives of the Detained-Disappeared (ADAFEM)

### Honduras

Dina Meza (journalist)

### Kenya

Ruth Mumbi, Bunge la Wamama

initially derived from Bunge la Mwananchi (People's Parliament). BLW was established to provide a platform for women to address issues specifically affecting them such as sexual and reproductive rights, rape, domestic violence, abortion and prostitution.

Ruth aims to facilitate open dialogue on social justice issues by informing and empowering her community, mobilizing them to expose malpractices by state officers, condemn human rights violations and demand accountability from the government. Because of her work she has been harassed, arrested and detained without trial for organising and leading demonstrations, and has faced sexual molestation from the police during arrest. In 2013 she was a finalist for the Front Line Award for Human Rights Defenders at Risk.

Until April 2015, Ruth was on a six-month fellowship at the Centre for Applied Human Rights at York University. She participated in various activities with PBI during her stay in the UK, including speaking at the "Human Rights in the Modern Day Commonwealth" event held at the Houses of Parliament in February 2015, and meeting with the All-Party Parliamentary Human Rights Group in March to discuss her security situation and that of other Kenyan HRDs. She has been accompanied by PBI since her return to Kenya.



Ruth Mumbi with Susi Bascon and Rob Hawke of PBI UK and Parliamentary Human Rights Group coordinator Nicole Piche

# Lawyers – challengers of impunity

**L**awyers play a vital role in securing justice for victims and challenging impunity for human rights violations. However, as a result of their work, they and their families can face threats, intimidation, detention, criminalisation and violence.

The lawyers PBI works to protect may be representing victims seeking justice and reparation for human rights violations committed in the context of past conflicts, or trying to prevent impunity for more recent crimes. Some are litigating in cases which implicate officials at the highest levels; others help rural and indigenous communities to defend their lands.

The importance of protecting lawyers extends far beyond the lawyers themselves. When lawyers can safely continue their work, they can in turn help hundreds more individuals, communities and victims of human rights violations, and their role in upholding the rule of law is crucial for building a just society and a lasting peace.

## Jorge Molano Colombia

Jorge Molano is one of Colombia's leading human rights lawyers, having spent years demanding justice, security and reparations on behalf of communities who have suffered extrajudicial executions, forced disappearances and massacres during Colombia's armed conflict. Organisations he has worked for include the International League for the Rights

and Liberation of Peoples (Colombia branch), the Sembrar Corporation, the Corporation for Judicial Freedom (CJL), the Inter-Congressional Justice and Peace Commission and the Centre for Research and Popular Education (CINEP). Since 2005 he has worked independently and is a legal advisor to some NGOs.

Jorge Molano's current cases include that of the massacre committed against the San José de Apartadó Peace Community in February 2005, when paramilitaries on patrol with soldiers of the Colombian army murdered five adults and three children. Although a retired army captain and four soldiers were eventually sentenced for the crime, Jorge has requested an investigation by the International Criminal Court into the superior military commanders who were responsible for the planning and execution of the operation during which the massacre occurred.

Other litigations Jorge is involved in include representing the families of those murdered or disappeared during the storming of the Palace of Justice by members of the M-19 insurgency movement in 1985, and the prosecution of soldiers implicated in "false positive" cases, where civilians have been murdered and their bodies presented as guerrillas killed in battle.

As a determined challenger of impunity at the highest levels of the Colombian military and government, Jorge Molano is under constant threat. In 2013 the Colombian government defined his risk level as "extraordinary" and in March 2014 it agreed before the International

## Accompanied lawyers and legal organisations

### Colombia

Judicial Liberty Corporation (CJL); Jorge Molano; José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers' Collective (CCAJAR); Luis Carlos Pérez Lawyers' Collective (CCALCP)

### Guatemala

Edgar Pérez Archila, Human Rights Lawyers' Office

### Mexico

Human Rights Integral Defence Committee Gobixha (Código-DH); Tlachinollan Human Rights Centre

**// Frequently human rights defenders in Colombia are attacked; they are murdered, disappeared, displaced or forced into exile, and the role of PBI's accompaniment makes it possible for a lot of defenders to be able to continue in the country without having to abandon our activities.//**

## Jorge Molano

American Commission on Human Rights to adopt measures to ensure his safety. However, it failed to fulfil this commitment and in May Jorge was forced to suspend his work, following a series of security incidents including break-ins to his home and illegal surveillance.

PBI activated our international support network to pressure for the full implementation of Jorge Molano's protection measures. PBI UK lobbied the FCO, and Alliance members from the Garden Court Chambers sent a letter to the Colombian Ambassador highlighting the issue. In response to these and other international actions, the Colombian government addressed the gaps in Jorge's protection scheme, allowing him to resume his work and continue demanding justice for some of the Colombian conflict's gravest human rights violations.



Jorge Molano

# Alliance for Lawyers at Risk

**P**BI launched the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk in November 2010 to enhance the safety and capacity of threatened lawyers and other human rights defenders working on legal cases. The Alliance now has over 100 members across the spectrum of the legal profession, including lawyers, judges, legal experts, city firms, academics and law students. From the beginning, the Alliance's work has been an important complement to PBI's – while PBI's accompaniment provides immediate physical protection and international emergency support, the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk lends the significant experience and expertise of its members to offer concrete legal support to threatened HRDs and lawyers, and to engage with states and judicial authorities in promoting accountability and the rule of law in the places where we work. Our accompanied HRDs have strongly welcomed its support – both in terms of technical knowhow and international solidarity.

## Alliance members' activities

The members of the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk (ALR) are engaged in a wide range of activities. In 2014, events included several roundtable discussions with lawyers at risk, the submission of an amicus brief on behalf of criminalised Colombian HRD David Ravelo, and raising concern with embassies and the FCO about the threats to Jorge Molano and the threatened expulsion of PBI volunteers from Guatemala.

## Lawyers' delegation to Kenya

As part of our continuing work to establish an effective field presence in Kenya, PBI and the ALR organised a delegation of international lawyers to the country in December 2014, consisting of Lord Scott of Foscote, the former Law Lord, Mark Cunningham QC, and Law Society Human Rights Committee member Tony Fisher. The purpose of the visit was to determine the present state of play with regard to adherence to the rule of law in Kenya, and also to help establish a higher profile for PBI amongst the government and judicial authorities, as well as in the human rights community in Nairobi. The delegation met with people from across the political and judicial spectrum including the Chief Justice and other senior judges, government officers such as the Attorney General, and senior police commanders. They

also met with several Kenyan civil society leaders, visited the informal settlement of Mathare where many HRDs are working, and participated in the Amnesty International and Kenyan Law Society Pro Bono award event for the Economic and Social Rights Jurist of the year. A report summarising the conclusions of the visit was produced in January 2015, and delegation member Lord Scott is now a PBI patron.

communities to identify their training needs and foster effective relationships with their parallel communities in the UK. The final report on the visit was produced in October.

## Donald Hernández

Human rights and environmental lawyer Donald Hernández of the Honduran Centre for Community Promotion and Development (CEHPRODEC) provides legal representation



PBI volunteer Tom Short with Mark Cunningham QC during the ALR Kenya delegation's visit to the informal settlement of Mathare

## Scoping mission to Nepal

In response to a request by HRDs in Nepal for assistance from the British legal community, Alliance members Kirsty Brimelow QC (Chair of the Bar Human Rights Committee), Naina Patel (Director of Education and Training at the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law) and Courtenay Barklem (Law Society Human Rights Committee member) undertook a scoping mission to Nepal in June 2014. Funds were raised from Matrix Chambers, Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Reed Smith and the City Law School at City University London, as well as individual Alliance members. The mission aimed to identify specific needs and to develop a long-term plan for providing training and capacity building to lawyers, judges, HRDs and victims groups on rule of law issues. The delegation met with various HRDs and members of the judicial and legal

and capacity building to indigenous and environmental rights groups affected by the impact of mega projects, which have increased massively in recent years. This has led to widespread social conflict arising from disputes over the use and ownership of land, with community leaders and HRDs targeted with violence and spurious criminal charges. To highlight this situation, PBI coordinated a speaking tour for Donald in November 2014. To coincide with the tour, the ALR and the Bar Human Rights Committee scheduled a roundtable at which Donald addressed participants about resource extraction and human rights in Honduras and the security situation of the communities he represents. Members of the legal community were very interested in his cases and are on standby to help with future requests including legal support and a potential future field delegation.

# New developments in the field

## Honduras

The situation for human rights in Honduras has deteriorated dramatically since the coup in 2009. PBI began working in Honduras in 2013, following a petition from the Honduras Platform on Human Rights and extensive field research. We immediately focused on building relationships with local organisations and promoting international concern for the risks faced by Honduran HRDs. This work has continued in 2014, alongside our first formal protective accompaniments of the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC) and renowned journalist and human rights activist Dina Meza. PBI organised speaking European speaking tours for both Dina Meza and Donald Hernandez of CEHPRODEC during 2014, in order to highlight their concerns about their own security situation and that of the communities they represent, as well as the deterioration of human rights in Honduras generally.

## Guatemala

In 2014, Guatemalan HRDs faced the most significant risk of violence since the project reopened in 2002. Particularly for those defending communities' land rights against corporate interests, direct attacks have grown in relation to threats whilst defamations and criminalisation have escalated. These developments have had severe impacts on the work of human rights organisations and led to increased requests for accompaniment. By using flexible tools (observations, short-term accompaniments and sharing information through meetings and publications), we managed to respond to almost half of the 100 requests we received in this period, including supporting defenders and communities in isolated rural areas.

## Kenya

Recent years have seen growing international concern for the situation of Kenyan HRDs. Legislation restricting NGOs' registration and funding, increased bail conditions for defenders and widespread impunity for human rights abuses committed by police and security forces are all elements of increasing criminalisation of protest. In December 2014, the government passed the Security Laws (Amendments) Act, which various human rights organisations assert contains provisions which violate international human rights norms, including



A PBI volunteer accompanies CEHPRODEC to support an assembly of the Lenca indigenous movement in La Paz, Honduras

rights to freedom of assembly, association and expression. In this context, we continued to build a visible presence in Kenya throughout 2014, regularly accompanying grassroots defenders to police stations in Mathare informal settlement in Nairobi and attending court hearings. In December, an Alliance for Lawyers at Risk delegation visited the country, organised by PBI UK. Its objectives were to offer support to local lawyers and to advocate for PBI, building support amongst government officials.

## Mexico

In September, three students in Ayotzinapa, Guerrero were killed, several others injured and 43 forcefully disappeared. These events, and the repression subsequently faced by demonstrators protesting the impunity surrounding them, are emblematic of the deteriorating human rights situation in Mexico. We have supported the work of the Tlachinollan Human Rights Centre and other organisations working with survivors and victims' relatives. In November, PBI marked one year of presence in Chihuahua and Coahuila, where HRDs face grave insecurities in the ongoing struggle to locate thousands of disappeared and to defend migrants' rights. Besides accompaniment, we focussed strongly on security workshops and advocacy to help spread international awareness and help HRDs cope with the escalating risks they face.

## Colombia

In 2014, PBI celebrated our 20th anniversary of working in Colombia. Over 450 volunteers from 31 countries have been part of PBI

Colombia, and the project receives around 100 applications each year, demonstrating immense international solidarity with our work and the work of those we accompany. However, the situation of HRDs in Colombia remains deeply alarming. 'We are Defenders' recorded 626 attacks against defenders in 2014, including 55 murders. PBI continued to work alongside threatened defenders, including many days accompanying isolated rural communities struggling for their land rights, and observing the consolidation of Colombia's first urban humanitarian space in Puente Nayero.

## Nepal

PBI ended its field presence in Nepal on 1 January 2014. It continued collaborating with local organisations in order to provide capacity building tools to human rights defenders on the ground through in-country support and delegations of international lawyers.

## Indonesia

PBI worked in Indonesia from 2001 to 2011. Since then, PBI has continued to monitor the situation for defenders, particularly in Papua, and provided opportunities for them to build links with the international community. In 2014, despite interruptions due to the turbulence surrounding the Indonesian elections, PBI continued to work in partnership with the Indonesian Institute for Policy Research and Advocacy (ELSAM) to develop an innovative training programme to strengthen the capacities of Indonesian defenders working in isolated regions. The first two rounds of training will be conducted in 2015.

# A volunteer's experience

## Adam Lunn

I arrived in Guatemala in January 2014. The PBI Guatemala field team, some 10 volunteers, come from all over the world. Based in the capital city, we accompanied organisations in the departments of Quiché, Jalapa, Chiquimula and Alta Verapaz. The first two weeks were spent doing the orientation: receiving presentations about the accompanied organisations, the PBI principles, methodology etc. It took a couple of weeks to get the visa paperwork sorted out and then I was able to go on accompaniment. My first trip outside the capital was accompanying the "New Day" Ch'orti Campesino Central (CCCND), an indigenous-campesino group that accompanies indigenous Maya Ch'orti communities. We travelled by bus out to the east of the country, travelling by pickup truck the next morning up to the indigenous community in the mountains. Being welcomed into the indigenous village and meeting the community members was an incredible experience and a good initiation to the 38 degree heat.

After a few months the human rights

situation in Guatemala began to deteriorate significantly. In 2014 the Unit for the Protection of Guatemalan Human Rights Defenders (UDEFEQUA) registered 813 attacks against human rights defenders; this figure was up from 657 in 2013. These attacks included threats, smear campaigns, physical attacks and assassinations, amongst others. This dramatic worsening of the human rights situation in the country was reflected in our accompaniment work. Throughout the year the Guatemala project had to react to numerous emergency situations and a high number of petitions for accompaniments.

The CCCND in particular suffered over 100 aggressions between March and November 2014. Members were jailed with spurious charges being brought against them, and also suffered death threats and intimidation in their struggle to register their indigenous communities and oppose hydroelectric dams in their ancestral territories. The dangers faced by the members of the CCCND are compounded by the fact that the murder of local human rights defender and union activist Carlos Hernández remains unpunished. He

was shot on 8 March 2013 as he was returning by car from Honduras. Two people accused of his murder were released from jail in 2014. The impunity in this case is a denial of justice for the victim and increases the risk to other human rights defenders. Unfortunately this is not uncommon as there is almost total impunity for attacks against human rights defenders in Guatemala.

A year in PBI does not just involve accompaniments and the daily routine can be extremely varied. A typical day could involve a meeting with the UN in the morning then cleaning the toilets in the afternoon before heading off on accompaniment to a remote indigenous village in the highlands.

Despite the grave human rights situation during 2014, spending a year with PBI Guatemala allowed me to get to know some incredible human rights defenders, hear their stories and observe them carry out their incredibly valuable work. The contact with the human rights defenders is a great privilege and it was inspirational to meet these normal yet extraordinary people who continue to carry out their work despite the violence they face.



Adam Lunn observing the "Flowers in resistance" march of indigenous Maya Kaqchiquel communities in protest against a cement factory on their ancestral territory

# Volunteering with PBI

## What are the qualities of a PBI volunteer?

PBI volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds. The following qualities, experience and skills are examples of the criteria used for selecting potential volunteers. Specific requirements vary between the projects.

- ▶ **Nonviolence** A clear understanding of and commitment to nonviolence
- ▶ **Language skills** Fluent Spanish is essential for working in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Colombia. For working in Kenya, fluent English is required, and a knowledge of Kiswahili would be an advantage.
- ▶ **Discretion and diplomacy**
- ▶ **Maturity** The recommended minimum age for volunteers is 25
- ▶ **Resilience** The ability to work effectively under pressure and stress
- ▶ **Knowledge and understanding of the history, politics and culture of the country where you are working**

▶ **Cultural sensitivity** Experience of working with people of different cultures

▶ **Flexibility** The ability to change tactics, work and opinions

▶ **Experience of working in groups** Familiarity with consensus decision-making and teamwork

▶ **Experience of working within human rights or peace organisations**

▶ **Practical skills** IT, bookkeeping, writing, photography, cooking and many other skills are useful

## What does the PBI field experience offer volunteers?

- ▶ A profound experience of working with an international peace and human rights organisation committed to transforming ideals into practical action
- ▶ Specialist training based on 30 years' experience working in the field
- ▶ The experience of living and working in a close-knit team of international volunteers

▶ A unique insight into the intense pressures faced by human rights defenders and their resilience and courage

## Attending the orientation weekend

PBI UK organises orientation weekends to introduce potential volunteers to the principles, philosophy and work of PBI, and guide them through a process of self-evaluation. On the basis of the trainers' recommendations and the self-evaluation of the potential volunteers, PBI UK advises on the suitability of candidates to apply to become a field volunteer.

## Attending project-specific regional training

Each field project runs periodic regional training courses lasting 7–10 days. The training covers the history and current political situation of the project country, the causes of the conflict, the role of PBI and the kinds of situations team members may have to address. At the end of the training, candidates will be informed of their suitability to join the project.



Prospective volunteers take part in PBI UK's orientation weekend in 2014



# Fundraising

**P**BI UK is enormously grateful for the support of individual donors, as well as charitable trusts and foundations, in 2014. Our fundraising activities this year included grant writing, profile raising events and appeals to our supporters, which contributed to a total income of £342,580. Our annual income decreased as compared with 2013 (total income of £401,779), primarily due to a delayed payment for a large statutory grant, while our grants income increased by 7%.

Most of PBI UK's income in 2014 came from generous grants made by trusts and foundations that have supported us for many years. The **Sigrid Rausing Trust** grant has allowed us to plan ahead and become more sustainable, while helping PBI to expand into new geographic areas, with field teams now in Kenya and Honduras. It has also helped us engage in international thematic advocacy work focused on improving the protection of women HRDs, defenders of economic, social and cultural rights, and lawyers and HRDs challenging impunity. We were grateful to receive recurrent grants from longstanding trust supporters including the **Tinsley Foundation, the Bromley Trust,** and the **A B Charitable Trust** which have generously contributed toward our core activities in the UK, including advocacy and awareness raising, which allow us to carry out our work of protecting HRDs globally. We were very pleased to receive our first grant from the **Open Society Foundations** for a project challenging violence and repression of land and environmental rights defenders in Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras and Kenya.

We would like to give special thanks to our Lawyers Advisory Committee for their commitment to increasing our major donors base through high profile events, and Frederick Mulder CBE for his generous donation of Picasso prints (see below). We would also like to thank anonymous donors for their generosity and everyone who has contributed to our match funding appeals.

## Some of our achievements in 2014

■ PBI UK has received funding from the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) for a three year project to produce an online platform for HRDs in Mexico to improve their protection



PBI UK patron Julie Christie with Frederick Mulder CBE and the two raffle winners at the "Picasso for Human Rights" garden party

**“I keep reminding myself that the outcome of such a pleasant event is to benefit communities that don't live in such an “easy” and law-abiding world, and I'm really pleased we were able to do that.”**  
**Philanthropist Frederick Mulder CBE at the “Picasso for Human Rights” garden party**

■ Thanks to our patron Lord Joffe, PBI UK was chosen as the beneficiary charity at the annual Bram Fischer Memorial Lecture which has raised a total of £4,654 in 2014 and 2015.

■ A £20,000 match funding appeal was granted to PBI UK by a generous anonymous donor to support our field and advocacy work in support of environmental defenders.

■ PBI raised £8,080 through a Radio 4 appeal, presented by former PBI volunteer Dan Slee who spoke about his accompaniment of Gildardo Tuberquia, a community leader from the San José de Apartadó Peace Community.

■ In March 2014, in partnership with Lush cosmetics company and part-funded by The Funding Network, PBI launched the Peace Pioneer Campaign on behalf of the Peace Community which attracted over 900 new individuals from the UK to our work.

■ PBI raised £20,000 through the “Picasso for Human Rights” garden party.

## Fundraising with the support of the UK legal sector

PBI continued to raise its profile within the legal sector with the support of our Lawyers Advisory Committee, led by the Honorary President of the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk, Sir Henry Brooke CMG, and chaired by Sir Peter Roth, both PBI patrons, with activities that help us to attract new donors and expand our membership base. In March 2014, Lord Joffe hosted a PBI-organised event at the House of Lords to coincide with the Peace Pioneer campaign. In July 2014, PBI organised a “Picasso for Human Rights” garden party in the home of Picasso expert Frederick Mulder CBE, founder of The Funding Network. He spoke to an audience of over 100 about Picasso's print techniques, showing some prints, generously offering two of them in a raffle. Sir Henry Brooke CMG and PBI Kenya volunteer Tom Short spoke at the event and our patron Julie Christie chose the raffle winners. Frederick Mulder CBE offered a grant to match the donations and raffle proceeds from the evening, which together raised £20,000 for PBI's work in Kenya and for a high profile delegation of lawyers to the country in support of PBI's Kenya project.

For 2015, PBI activities supported by Lawyers Advisory Committee include an event in April at the British Library marking the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, and “Shakespeare and the Law,” featuring readings by major actors at the Middle Temple in November.

# Financial summary

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL UNITED KINGDOM SECTION  
(Charity registration number 1101016, Company registration number 3912587)  
Summary statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2014

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
Grants receivable from trusts and companies	281,493	356,346
Donations to the Human Rights Defenders' Fund	4,820	4,355
Donations to the Alliance for Lawyers at Risk Fund	275	13,402
Donations and other income	55,992	27,676
	<u>342,580</u>	<u>401,779</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>		
Charitable activities	(242,689)	(282,102)
Costs of generating funds	(49,843)	(45,220)
Governance costs	(12,754)	(12,130)
	<u>(305,286)</u>	<u>(339,452)</u>
<b>Net incoming resources for year</b>	37,294	62,328
Funds brought forward as restated	143,325	80,997
	<u>180,619</u>	<u>143,325</u>
<b>Funds carried forward</b>	180,619	143,325
	<u>180,619</u>	<u>143,325</u>
<b>Summary balance sheet as at 31 December 2013</b>		
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed assets	526	0
Current assets	234,836	191,924
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(54,744)	(48,599)
Net current assets	180,093	143,325
Total assets less liabilities	180,619	143,325
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Total net assets	<u>180,619</u>	<u>143,325</u>
Unrestricted funds	133,277	99,424
Restricted funds	47,343	43,901
Total funds	<u>180,619</u>	<u>143,325</u>

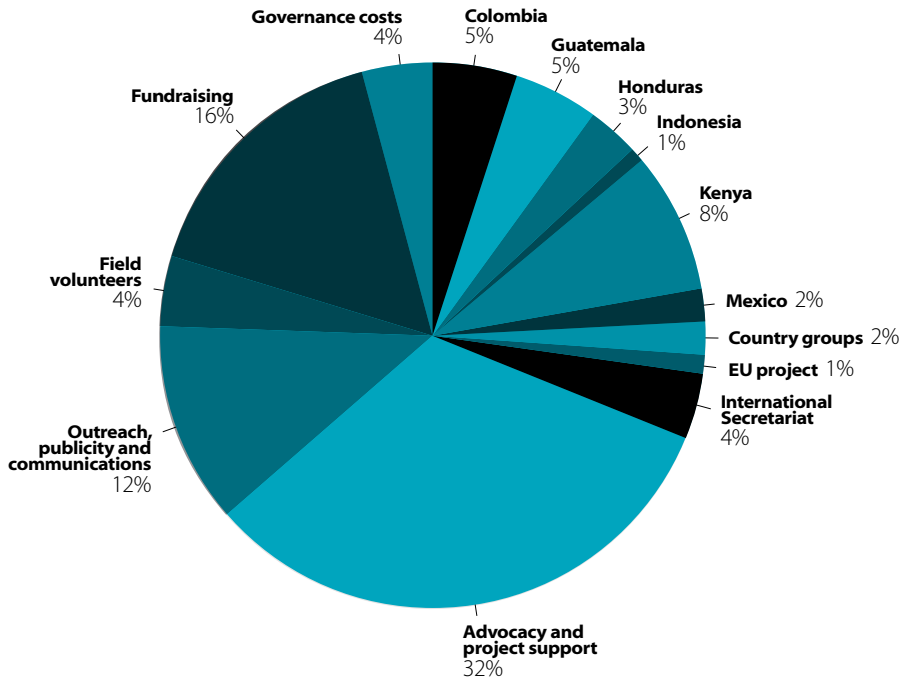
## 2014 donors

**Anonymous Foundation**  
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**Bryan Lancaster Trust**  
**Christian Aid**  
**European Commission**  
**Frederick Mulder Foundation**  
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**Lush Ltd**  
**Open Society Foundations**  
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## Board of Trustees statement

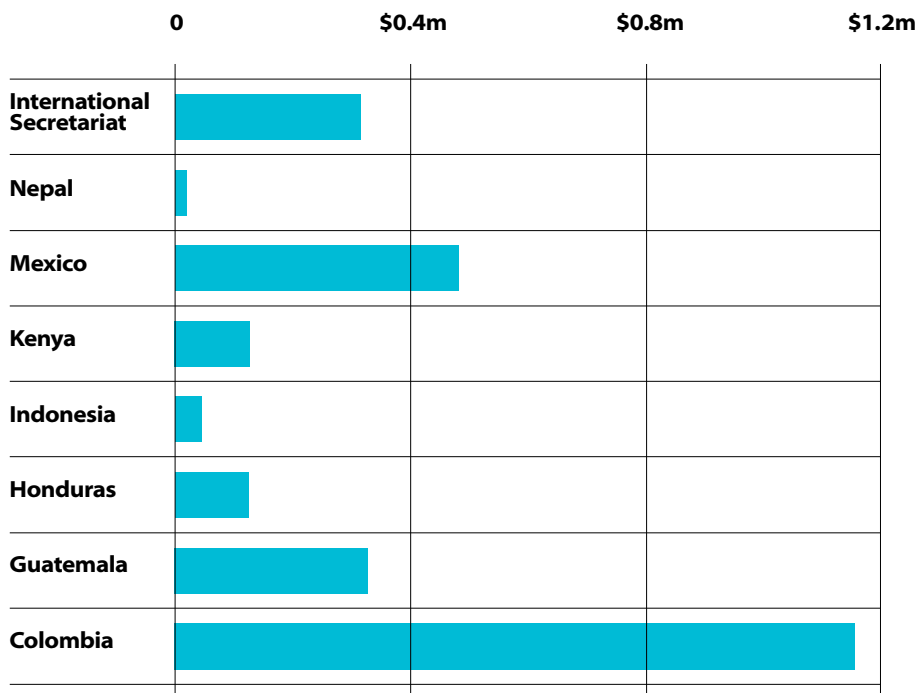
These summary accounts are not the statutory accounts but a summary of the information which appears in the full financial statements which have been subjected to an independent audit and given an unqualified report. The Board of Trustees approved the full financial statements on 1 September 2015 and a copy has been submitted to the Charity Commission. The summarised financial statements may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information, the full financial statements including the auditor's report may be obtained from the charity's registered office.

# How funds were spent in 2014



Funding to PBI Colombia project	16,118
Funding to PBI Guatemala project	16,789
Funding to PBI Honduras project	9,902
Funding to PBI Indonesia project	3,000
Funding to PBI Kenya project	23,674
Funding to PBI Mexico project	6,910
Funding to PBI country groups	5,827
Funding to EU project	4,131
Funding to PBI International Secretariat (incl international advocacy and other activities)	11,000
Advocacy and project support	98,626
Outreach, publicity and communications	35,546
Field volunteer recruitment, training and support	11,166
Fundraising	49,843
Governance costs	12,754
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£305,286</b>

## PBI's global operations



Project	Expenditure 2013 USD
Colombia	1,148,935
Guatemala	320,895
Honduras	121,541
Indonesia	43,633
Kenya	119,311
Mexico	475,456
Nepal	13,366
ISEC	307,630
<b>GLOBAL TOTAL</b>	<b>2,550,767</b>

As noted in the full accounts, PBI UK is one of 13 separate country groups supporting field projects conducted through Peace Brigades International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation registered in the United States. An indication of the global scale of PBI operations is shown above based on spending by each field project and the International Secretariat in 2014.

Please note: The final analysis of these accounts remains subject to audit.

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Peace Brigades International UK Section expresses its thanks to all volunteers who contribute their time to its many activities. The hundreds of unpaid hours they contribute each year are crucial to the effectiveness of the organisation's work.

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Canada  
France  
Germany  
Ireland  
Italy  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
United Kingdom  
United States

### **Associate groups**

Argentina  
Portugal

### **Current PBI projects**

Colombia (founded 1994)  
Guatemala (re-established 2002)  
Honduras (founded 2013)  
Kenya (founded 2013)  
Mexico (founded 1999)

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Daniel Slee  
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Sophia Kerridge

### **PBI UK field volunteers 2014**

#### **Colombia**

Jack Grundy  
Sophia Kerridge  
Hannah Matthews

#### **Guatemala**

Adam Lunn

#### **Kenya**

Belinda Goodman  
Tom Short  
Emma Platt

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