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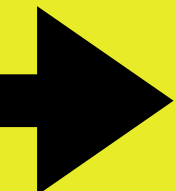
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# 2022 – 2023 Annual Report

We exist to support people-powered systemic change



we're doing things differently



The Movements Trust is building a movement of movements, as we passionately believe they are the key to social change. We are challenging philanthropy to change to meet the needs of movements – and we offer a values-led intermediary service to get more funding to grassroots groups.

*“As a funder I have found their service to be flexible, uncomplicated and efficient.”*

Funder: We Have The Power Foundation



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*“It's been immensely useful so far, in gaining access to funding we might not otherwise have had, so thank you!”*

Movement: Wildcard

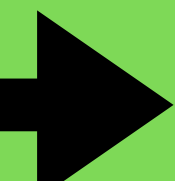


## letter from the chair

I'm delighted to be able to introduce the first annual report of **The Movements Trust**.

From our recent beginnings in 2021, our work has already demonstrated the efforts needed to get more funding to social movements.

The success of our fiscal sponsorship service and learning-based regrating schemes show how much great work movements are able to do when they get the support they need through intermediary infrastructure.



Throughout this report you'll find examples of the movements we have come into contact with. Already in 2023, this 'movement of movements' continues to grow.

Looking ahead to our future work, we aim to continue to develop strong movement support in the UK and the rest of the world:

- we plan to expand in the UK to reach the grassroots movements not in the mainstream, and struggling to find funding and support
- we will develop our sponsorship methodology, networks and relationships with funders, to expand the sponsorship we are able to offer outside of the UK

We will scale up our offer as a learning partner for re-granting, delivering approaches that will best serve movements, for example:

- truly co-produced funding opportunities, shaped by movements.
- relationships with donors who actively want to fund movements, so that we can learn together and strengthen funding processes that genuinely help, and don't hinder movements

I hope you will join us on our journey!

**Tarek Hasan**  
**Chair**



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# Our Mission

## who we want to support

We believe that there is not one single solution to the climate and economic emergencies, and multiple grassroots and people-powered efforts are required to respond to it.

Social movements offer many strategies, whether to reduce extraction, exploitation and consumption, or to increase the protection of people and the planet.



## why are we needed?

Social movements are not, and should not be expected to behave like large organisations, NGOs or charities. They don't have the capacity to meet challenging grant application and reporting processes. We aim to make funding accessible and appropriate for their work so they can remain agile.

We can only build a just and sustainable society through flourishing and empowered communities everywhere, which is why **The Movements Trust's** purpose is to get more funding to social movements striving for a just society.



# Our Values

## Collaboration

We see the need for systems change through communities and movements, so we exist to support movements wherever they are, offering our assistance to get them funding, and amplify their impact

## Urgency

We see the urgency of the problems facing the world today, and the barriers philanthropy often presents. We support donors who want to make change and who are ready to move, getting resources to movements rapidly to help them have more impact.

## Justice

We strive for a truly just world, recognising the injustice that has created, and perpetuates, a humanitarian, climate and ecological emergency. We are driven to achieve a just transition - and to do what is right, not what is easy.

# Helping movements qualify...

To build our movement of movements - and get them the funding they need, we have developed two areas of support to help social movements break down the barriers they face in fundraising

## 1. movement aligned fiscal sponsorship



As a registered charity, *The Movements Trust* acts as a charity intermediary, or 'fiscal sponsor' so that movements can meet eligibility criteria for grants or donations.

In our first year we piloted this for 10 movements on behalf of foundations, trusts and individuals, and audited our approach; now we are scaling up substantially to meet high demand.

*"Thank you also for the uncomplicated communication and the quick work along the process, which guaranteed the participation of the Climate Justice Africa movement. It's very good and important that organizations like The Movement Trust delivers such kind of service."*

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*"Thanks for your help, always responsive and helpful"*

Movement: Climate Emergency UK

*"Really appreciate how responsive you are"*

Movement: Just Treatment

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# Helping funders grant to movements ...

## 2. movement aligned regranting:

We develop, test and promote movement-aligned regranting services that genuinely fit with movement capacity, not donor needs. We don't have a fund of our own, but exist to transform those that do.

In our first year, we distributed grants to movements for two foundations, *Montpelier* and *Thirty Percy*, and an individual philanthropist.



*"We've made quite a lot of progress in the restructuring of Network membership that I think is setting the ground for a great renewed effort for UBI, thanks, in no small part, to your grant."*

Movement: UBI Lab

*"We are writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for the recent grant contribution received from the Movement Fund Trusts. Your generous support for our efforts to transform the tourism sector's impact on climate change is greatly appreciated."*

Movement: Upcycle Impact Tours

*"Transparent service, every touch-point we have had as been helpful, time efficient and helpful. Meeting other movements on convening was really helpful, we now share each others material and share organising information."*

Movement: SwitchIt Green

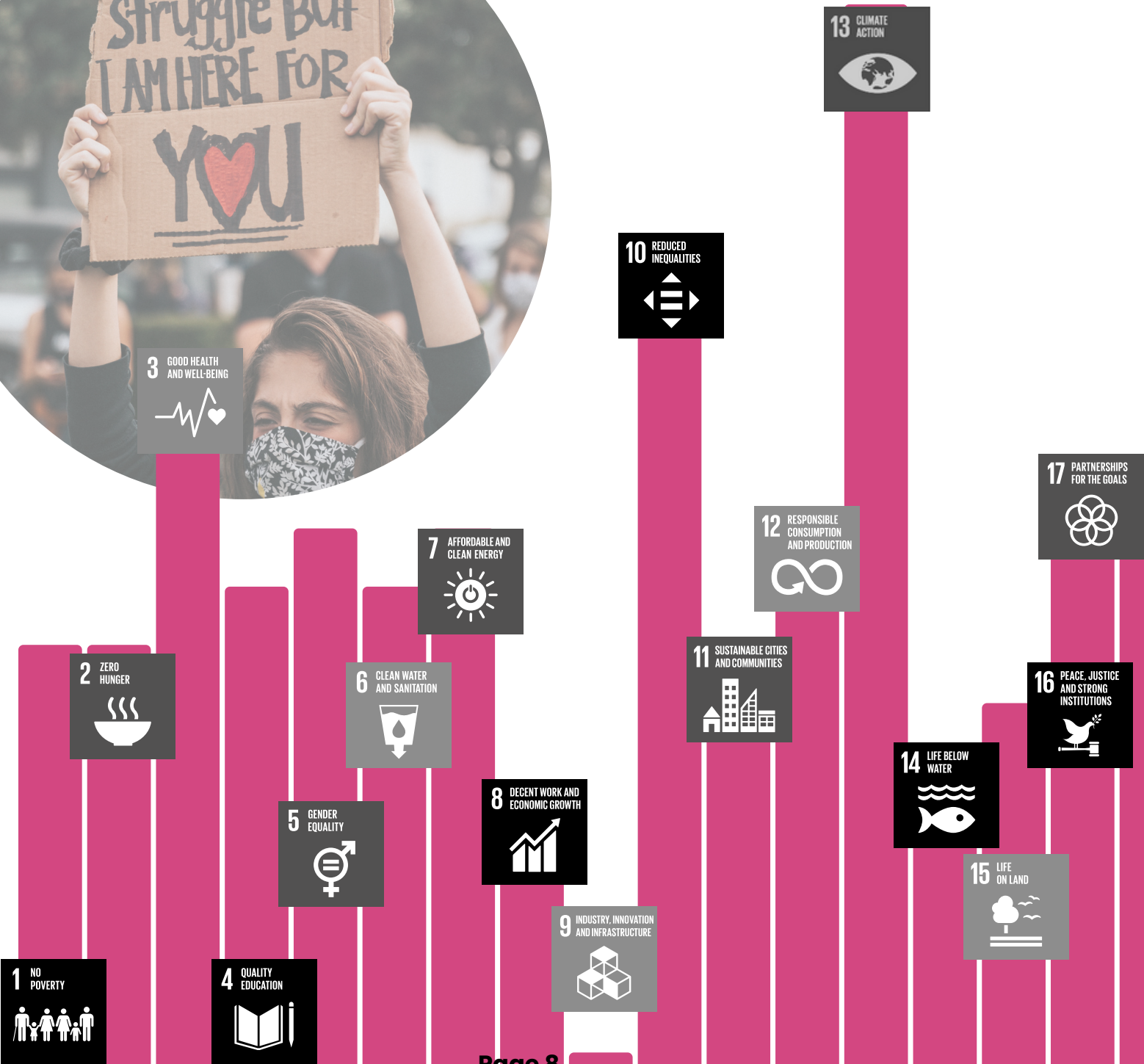


# Our Movement of Movements

Our movement of movements has expanded rapidly in the UK and elsewhere in the world – and we're proud to have already made an impact across the Sustainable Development Goals.



sustainable development





# Our Movement of Movements



offering multi-dimensional approaches to change...

## → **Lokiaka Centre**

Gender, environmental & economic advocacy in Nigeria

## → **Council Scorecards**

Tracking local authority progress on net zero

## → **Me & Youth**

Reparative finance & funding advocacy for climate justice

## → **Aurora**

Youth legal action against the Swedish government

## → **GM Freeze**

Advocacy for a responsible food system

Tax Justice

Rewilding

Mobilisation

Basic Income

Biodiversity

Agro Ecology

Advocacy

Reforestation

Citizenship

Divestment

Education

Wellbeing

## → **Resilience Project**

Youth-led peer-support on climate anxiety

## → **Green Protector**

Engaging school communities in Rwanda to take climate action

## → **Autosafety**

Mobilising mechanics to reduce transport related emissions in Uganda

## → **AimHi**

Empowering large companies to drive transition

## → **Ocean Rebellion**

Art collective raising the profile of ocean degradation



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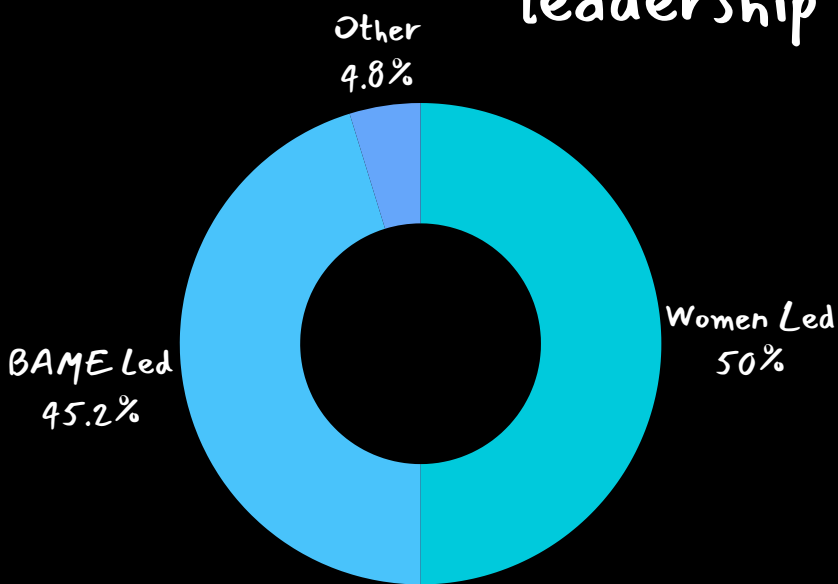


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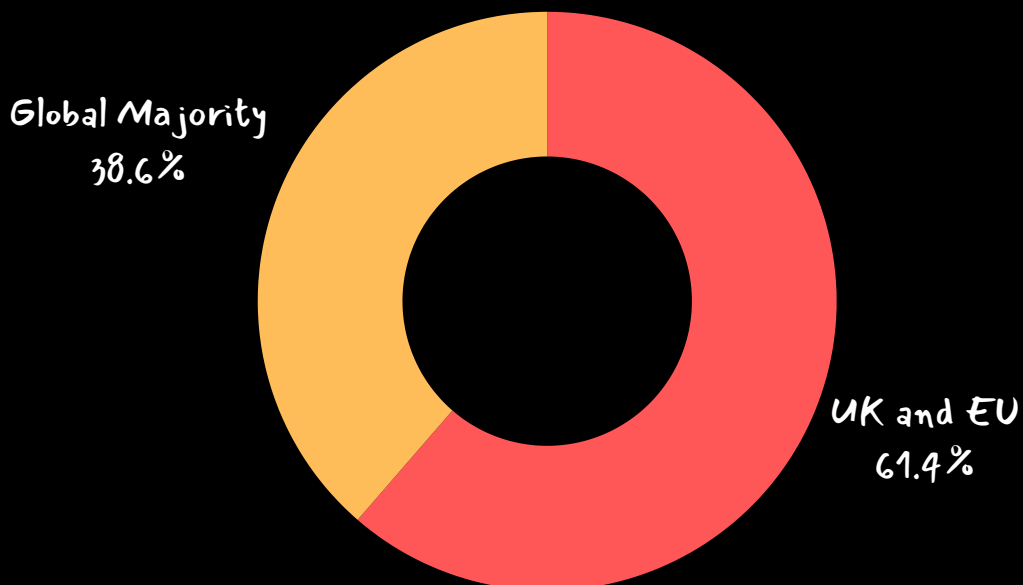
So far in 2022 and 2023 The Movements Trust has actively supported 42 movements through our fiscal sponsorship and regranting services

We have a further 36 who have joined our network and more are joining every week ....

## leadership



## location



# Accounts 2022 - 2023



**moving more money to movements**

In 2022-23, our first year of operation, we were proud to transfer nearly £0.5m in funding to Movements.

Regranted funds are shown in our accounts below. Additionally, as a 'pass-through' fiscal sponsor, we collected and transferred on grants totaling £94,500.

Our movement-friendly sponsorship model is so needed in the sector, that already in 2023-24 we have more than doubled this volume, and are scaling up to support more movements.

## statement of financial activities for year ending 31 march 2023

	<b>Core funds 2023</b>	<b>Regranted funds 2023</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>	<b>Total funds 2022</b>
<i>Income from:</i>				
Donations and legacies	£101,000	£351,500	£452,500	£6,025
Charitable activities	£5,902	-	£5,902	-
Investments	£93	-	£93	-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£106,995</b>	<b>£351,500</b>	<b>£458,495</b>	<b>£6,205</b>
<i>Expenditure:</i>				
Charitable activities	£55,536	£351,800	£407,336	£3,505
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£55,536</b>	<b>£351,800</b>	<b>£407,336</b>	<b>£3,505</b>
<i>New income (expenditure)</i>				
Transfers between funds	£51,459	(£300)	£51,159	£2,520
	(£300)	£300	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>£51,159</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£51,159</b>	<b>£2,520</b>
<i>Reconciliation of funds:</i>				
Total funds brought forward	£2,520	-	£2,520	-
Net movement in funds	£51,159	-	£51,159	£2,520
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>£53,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£53,679</b>	<b>£2,520</b>

# What's next?

We're building on the success of our first year to make sure we're maximising the resources that go to movements



**In our second year, 2023-24, we will pass our £1m milestone in funds to movements**

We've set up a **community of practice** for fiscal intermediaries (hosts and sponsors) so that we can share best practice in the sector. We're also piloting international sponsorship.

We're expanding our learning based **regranting services** so donors can genuinely develop better grant making for social movements.

For example, we are running a **coproduced pooled** fund with and for young climate activists and we'll be publishing a **Manifesto of Standards** for funding social movements.

If you'd like to be part of this work, get in touch with us:  
[together@themovementstrust.org](mailto:together@themovementstrust.org)

- Farmers' Footprint
- Climate Justice Africa
- Regularise
- Climate Majority Project

We are developing trust-based and relational grantmaking approaches. We work with movements to understand how funding can be monitored and reported on, in a way that enhances movement capacity and agility, and doesn't hamper it.

# Movement Impact

Movements work differently to charities and should be measured differently too

In 2024 we'll be developing approaches to capture movement activity and impact that reflects their agility, and doesn't disrupt the work they do. Nonetheless we're proud of the impact of our grantees from 2022-2023:

**Autosafety Uganda** - trained 107 technicians from makeshift motor garages on emission reduction, taking on the role of air quality champions - and 102 attended refresher training.

**Switch It Green** - help people divest from bank accounts that invest in fossil fuels by creating an easy to use platform. They secured 4000 hits on their switch platform after the launch. 1,200 users have now started the process of switching, and 55 have actually switched bank accounts.

**AimHI Earth** - after their training, 100% of business professionals feel more energised to deliver climate and nature solutions at work, 91% feel more motivated about their current role, and 55% feel more able to recognise climate misinformation

More coming in 2024.....

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# Thanks for supporting grassroots action

Our donors in 2022-23



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