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# Annual Report 2024

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# Introduction

by Mike Sandler (Chair of Board of Trustees)



On behalf of the Board of Feasta, I am pleased to present Feasta's 2024 Annual Report.

For over 25 years, Feasta has been pointing out systemic problems such as the impossibility of infinite economic growth on a finite planet, and the many dysfunctions and dystopias that could result. Sadly, some of those are becoming more apparent over time, as climate change and economic inequality continue unabated, with impacts on the political sphere as voters express their anxieties and/or indulge in delusional nostalgia.

But it is important to remember that Feasta has also set forth systemic solutions to those problems, and those are getting more attention every day. The Wellbeing Economy Alliance is gaining supporters, and Feasta's well-attended Rethinking Growth conference constituted a milestone for Ireland.

Feasta's efforts on climate change have led to a growing [Cap and Share Climate Alliance](#), with with our colleagues in Equal Right and new members in Europe, Asia, Africa and across the Global South joining in this important effort to call for a global cap on carbon with revenues returned to people as an equal "share." In fact, just a few months ago, the island nation of Palau became the first country to adopt Cap & Share as national policy. Feasta and our members took part in events around the world, from hosting a side event at the COP-29 climate conference in Azerbaijan, to attending post-growth events in Brussels and Spain, to participating in panels and workshops in New York and San Francisco.

Feasta members are continuing to form new Working Groups, with a new one on Resilience and Wellbeing, which is needed now more than ever.

Feasta also released a new Legacy fundraising program. Please consider us in your estate planning. Your generosity will help Feasta continue to put forward solutions to those daunting problems, and carry on the vision of the Feasta members who first came together over 25 years ago.

**“The systemic problems are becoming more apparent over time, but Feasta has set forth systemic solutions to those problems, and those are getting more attention every day.”**

Thank you for your continued support.

# Staff & Management



*Morag Friel*



*Caroline Whyte*

Feasta's administration continued to be ably managed by Morag Friel in 2024, while Caroline Whyte focussed on research and advocacy.



*Paddy Nelson*

We were delighted to welcome Paddy Nelson as Feasta's new communications and operations facilitator in April 2024. Paddy is also studying a masters in sustainable cities at Trinity College Dublin. Prior to his role at Feasta, he worked for Rethinking Economics, where he campaigned to promote pluralism in economics education.

Feasta's Board of Trustees provided much-valued oversight and advice on Feasta's activities through the course of the year. Mike Sandler continued as Chair of the Feasta Board, while Board member Michele Brady provided governance expertise as secretary and treasurer to Feasta. Fellow board members Graham Barnes, Anne-Marie Fuller, Mark Garavan and Brent Ranalli provided support through their attendance at the Board's monthly meetings.

With the exception of Mike and Brent, both of whom live on the East Coast of the U.S.A, the Feasta board members are all based in Ireland. We are continuing with a process of introducing more diversity into the Feasta board.



*Graham Barnes*



*Michele Brady*



*Anne-Marie  
Fuller*



*Mark Garavan*



*Brent Ranalli*



*Mike Sandler*



*Bringing Doughnut Economics to new audiences at the Electric Picnic festival in August 2024: Roisin Markham of the Irish Doughnut Economics Network, supported by Feasta. Mel White, a spoken word artist and core member of the Wellbeing Economy Ireland Hub, is seated in the background*

# Theory of Change

For the past four years we have been incorporating economist Kate Raworth's [Economic Doughnut](#) into our Theory of Change. The outer edge of the Doughnut represents an 'ecological ceiling' of planetary boundaries which cannot be breached without generating grave environmental risks, while the inner edge represents a 'social floor' of societal and physical needs which must be met in order to ensure that everyone in society can flourish. Raworth argues that the economy needs to achieve a dynamic balance between these two edges.

In our Theory of Change, the Economic Doughnut is held up by three vines, and the nine leaves on the vines represent initiatives that Feasta and its partners are working on and that we believe to be necessary to achieve a Doughnut Economy. In the 'ground' under the vines there is also a 'programme development' section with a number of other initiatives which focus on effective communication and on tracking progress.

The Feasta website includes both outline and detailed [dynamic versions](#) of the Theory of Change. (You can toggle between the two versions on the upper right of the diagram.) If you hover your mouse over its icons, you can access more information and links about the initiatives.

# Theory of Change Diagram

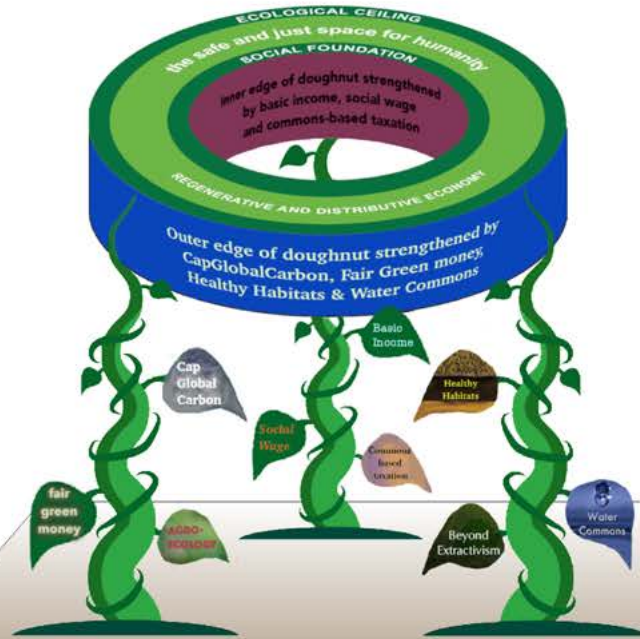
## Feasta's vision of a safe and just space for humanity

A vibrant, commons-focussed, locally-oriented and stable global economy that enables human flourishing and well-being within a resilient and healthy global ecosystem

### Values and Context

This graphic illustrates prerequisites for healthy structures which can help to provide a secure foundation for people within our society to be healthy in mind, body and spirit.

- Ecological regeneration
- Not dependent on GDP growth
- Racial, gender, LGBTQ+, social class equality and disability rights
- Democracy
- Equality of opportunity
- Emotional well-being



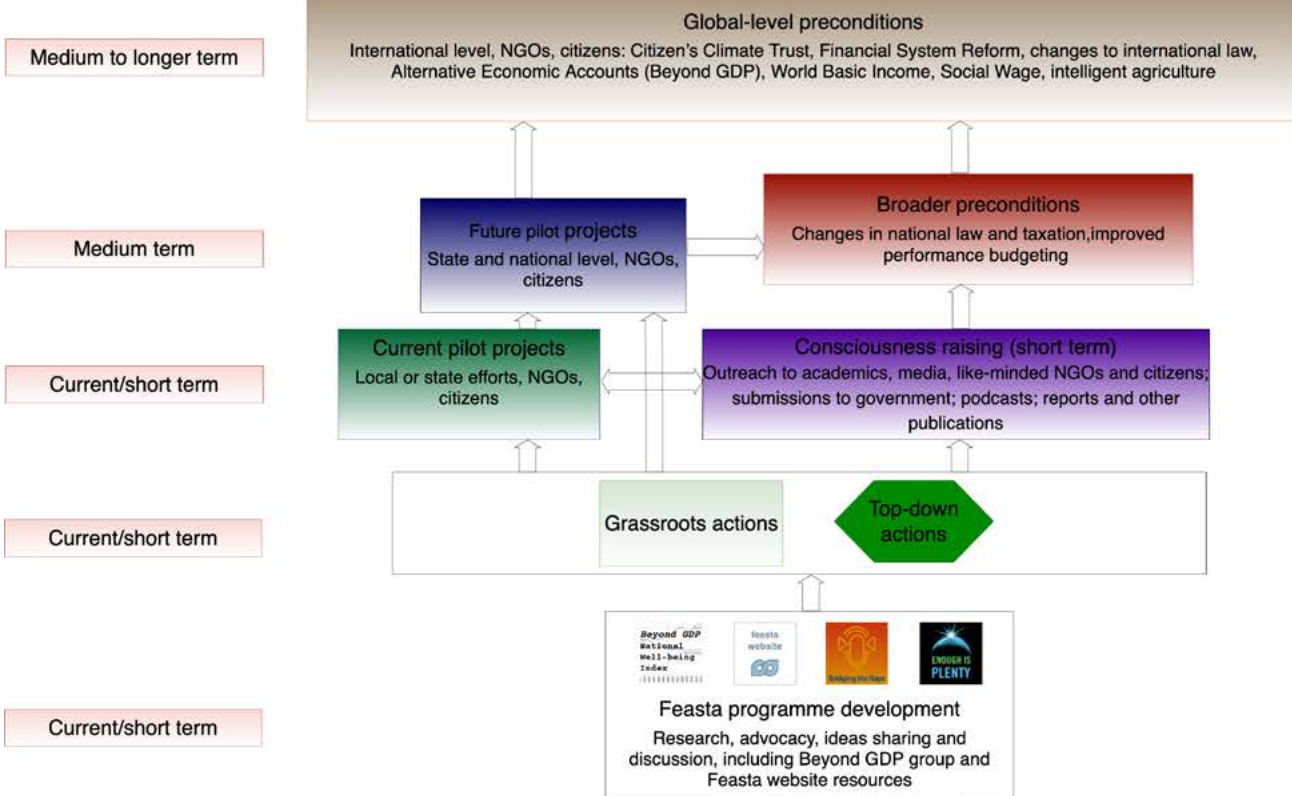
Note: the green circles on the left are adapted from Kate Raworth's Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries.

The pale green inside of the doughnut represents the safe and just space for humanity. The dark green outer edge represents ecological limits (ecological ceiling), while the dark green inner edge represents the social foundation necessary for human survival (adequate food, housing, healthcare etc).

You can find out more about the Doughnut at <https://www.kateraworth.com/doughnut/>.

We have placed the Doughnut on three supports, surrounded by climbing beanstalks. The leaves on the beanstalks represent seven initiatives that Feasta members consider important. If one support is removed, the structure will fall over. This is because we think that all seven initiatives, or something like them, are needed.

While we were inspired by the Doughnut model, any errors in this Theory of Change are our own.



# 2024 Feasta Working Group Activities

## Climate/COP 29

Feasta's main climate-related activity in 2024 was centred around our **"Advocacy for a just fossil fuel phase-out and energy transition"** project, which was carried out in partnership with Green Foundation Ireland and funded by the IEN.



This project focussed on building popular and political support for a globally just phase-out of fossil fuels and transition to renewable energy in the EU and elsewhere, based on the ['Cap and Share' framework](#). More broadly, the project sought to clarify the national and EU-level debate on climate mitigation and adaptation among policymakers, politicians, CSOs and the general public, moving it further 'upstream' and highlighting its relationship to a Wellbeing Economy.

'Cap and Share' would phase out fossil fuels at the point of production or import by obliging fossil fuel companies to buy extraction permits. It would then distribute any revenue from the permits on a per-capita basis. It has exciting potential for reducing inequality and providing much-needed climate finance through revenue recycling, while also ensuring that emissions from fossil fuels really are reduced and phased out.

Originally our project was intended to take advantage of the run-up to the European Parliament elections that took place in June 2024. However, we were advised by several people with expertise in EU environmental policy and global trade relations that it would be more strategic to prioritise advocacy on broader international negotiations, and to ensure that Global South countries are included in this advocacy from the beginning. With permission from the funders, we therefore shifted the focus of the project to the COP29 in November 2024 and broadened it so that it included Global South countries more overtly.

## Briefing Paper Production and Launch

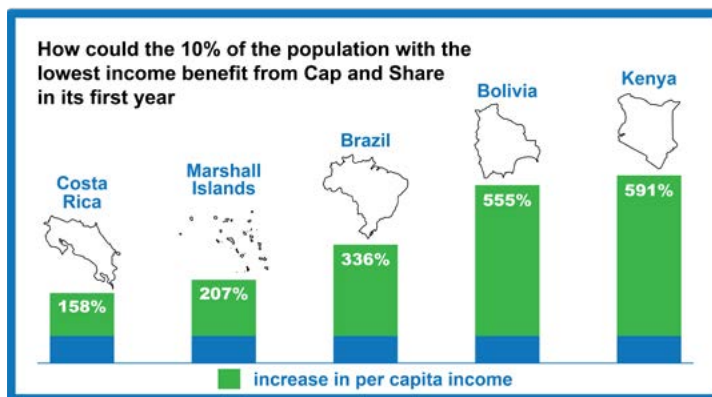
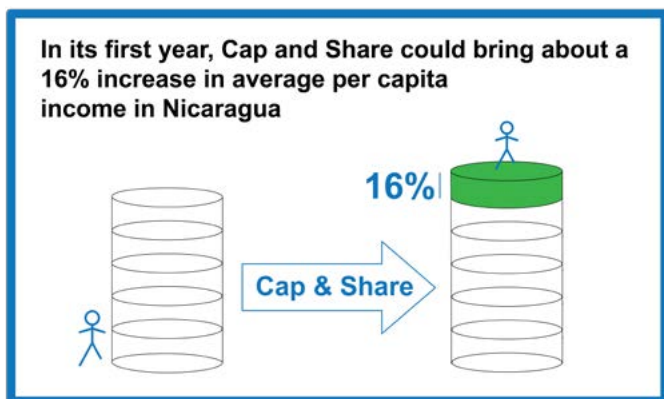
The first phase of the project consisted of the production of an updated [discussion paper](#) on Cap and Share. On April 18th, this paper was launched with a presentation from Caroline Whyte on Cap and Share's potential, particularly for forming Global North-Global South partnerships between groups of countries to phase out fossil fuel production and imports, and to distribute climate finance.

The event, which had approximately 50 participants, was co-organised with the Green Foundation Ireland and hosted by



GFI director Pat Brereton. Mike Sandler, the chair of the Feasta board, gave an introduction, and Anne Ryan of Feasta helped to moderate the Q&As.

A video of the event is available, and the discussion paper “Phasing Out Fossil Fuels: Supporting Climate Justice”, which includes a number of infographics that were designed by Leontien Friel Darrell, is available [online](#), and a sample of the infographics are shown below.



## Presentations on Cap and Share

Anne Ryan described Cap and Share during a talk which she gave in Belfast on March 20th, called “Towards a Smaller, Fairer Global Economy – A Civic Conversation”. This was part of Belfast’s “Imagine!” Festival.

Caroline Whyte was invited to present on Cap and Share at a Club of Rome online event on June 17 2024, [“Towards a Universal Basic Dividend”](#). The video from this webinar is available online.

Caroline also presented on Cap and Share at a session at the Basic Income Earth Network Congress in Bath, in August 2024, which was entitled “How to Fund a World Basic Income, Tackle the Climate Crisis, and Build Global Wealth for All”.

Mike Sandler, the Chair of Feasta and co-convenor of Feasta’s Climate Group, spoke about Cap and Share at the BIG conference in June 2024 (see page 26), and subsequently published an [exchange](#) with Michael Howard, Professor Emeritus at the University of Maine on the Feasta website. Mike also spoke on Cap and Share at an event called “How Can Universal Basic Income Aid a Just Transition?” that was hosted by Equal Right during the Climate Week NYC at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in New York City. The slides from his presentation are [available online](#).

On May 28, Seán Ó Conláin and Caroline Whyte did a podcast interview with Harjeet Singh, the Global Engagement Director at the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, which is described further on page 28. (Harjeet had also spoken at the 2023 online launch of CASCA.)





Caroline Whyte speaking about Cap and Share at the Basic Earth Income Network Congress in Bath, August 2024

## Side event at the COP29: From Growth to Sufficiency

Since the COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan focussed on climate finance, and there were strong controversies about the approach that it took on this, it seemed a natural forum for discussing alternative frameworks such as Cap and Share.

Barbara McCarthy, a journalist and photographer, was commissioned by Feasta to organise a side event on Cap and Share. The event paired Feasta with the European Youth Forum and included

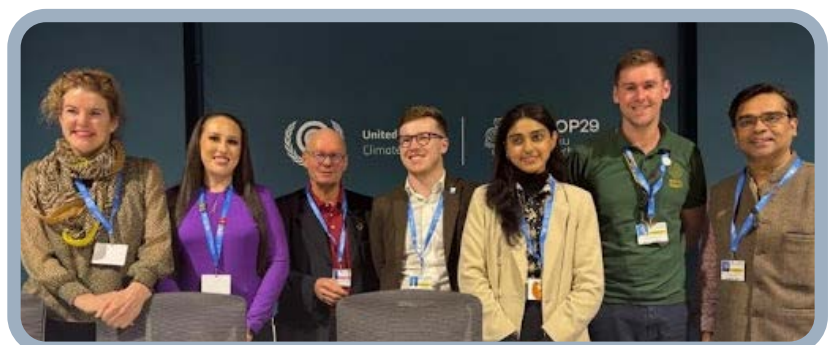
**From Growth to Sufficiency**  
The role of "Cap and Share" and other policy pathways for justice and sustainability in climate action

When: 18 Nov 2024, 16:45-18:15  
Where: UNFCCC COP29, Side Event Room 4

Panelists: Barbara McCarthy (Moderator), Peter Schmidt (EESC), Diandra Ni Bhuachalla (EESC), Callum Heddeman (EESC), Dr Patrick Brown (Equal Right), Zaiban Bie (Equal Right), Amitabh Behar (Oxfam International)

Logos: Feasta, European Youth Forum, European Economic and Social Committee, EQUAL RIGHT, OXFAM

panelists from the European Economic and Social Committee, Equal Right and Oxfam International. The objectives of the 90 minute event included testing the acceptability of Cap and Share with an audience of 40-50 people, made up of policy makers, activists and interested parties. More generally, it also explored equitable climate strategies and promoting equitable and just access to resources. Panel members reflected on carbon footprints, billionaire polluters, and imbalances between the Global North and the Global South.



Participants at the COP29 side event "From Growth to Sufficiency: 'Cap and Share' and other policy pathways for justice and climate action". From left to right: Barbara McCarthy, Diandra Ni Bhuachalla, Peter Schmidt, Zaiban Bie, Patrick Brown, Amitabh Behar

Panellists included:

- Peter Schmidt (NAT president, European Economic and Social Committee)
- Caillum Hedderman (board member European Youth Forum)
- Diandra Ni Bhuachalla (EESC youth delegate to COP)
- Patrick Brown (campaigns and operations director Equal Right)
- Zainab Bie (climate justice and public policy, Equal Right)
- Amitabh Behar (executive director at Oxfam International)

Event speakers and co-organisers have expressed enthusiasm about the event, and we consider it a great success. A video was made available by the UN in December 2024.

You can find a brief overview of the event on the Feasta site [here](#).

## Cap and Share Videos

We commissioned film-maker Tom Smith to produce two three-minute videos on Cap and Share, [‘What is Cap and Share?’](#) and [‘Implementing Cap and Share’](#). These are available on YouTube, and our partners in CASCA and the EU ENGO community are helping to publicise them on social media.



## Blog Posts

To round off the year’s activity, Mike Sandler and Caroline Whyte both posted blog articles on Cap and Share on the Feasta website. Mike’s article, [“The Yellow Vests Come to America”](#), focussed on the aftermath of the US election, while Caroline’s was entitled [“Beyond COP29: Is Cap and Share the Future of Climate Finance?”](#).

## Videos, External Links and Recognition

Our CASCA partner Global Redistribution Advocates’ founder, Adrien Fabre, published a book called ‘The Global Climate Plan’ in 2024 which makes a proposal that is quite similar to Cap and Share. The preface is by economist Gabriel Zucman. Adrien acknowledged Feasta’s work in the book, which contains valuable survey-based research concerning public opinion on a Cap and Share-type programme.

Equal Rights coordinator Patrick Brown (who is also a Feasta member), along with a group of Equal Right delegates, met with Minister Eamon Ryan at the COP29 in order to discuss Cap and Share. Feasta’s contribution to Cap and Share was mentioned during the meeting.

We are looking forward to continuing our work on Cap and Share, which we believe has great promise; awareness of its potential just needs to reach a tipping point.

# Beyond Extractivism Working Group

In 2024 Feasta's Emma Karran continued in her role as an Environmental Pillar representative on the Irish government's Mining and Minerals Extraction Advisory Board, advocating for a much stronger role for community participation in decision-making on mining, including the right to say no, and cautioning about the need to move away from economic growth dependency in order to diminish the overall demand for mining.



In late 2024 we were delighted to learn that a joint funding bid which we participated in for a project on mining and quarrying policy had been successful. This project will be led by An Taisce in partnership with Feasta and Eco-Advocacy. Feasta's role in the project will include desk research to identify the economic dynamics that are leading to the rush to mineral mining and quarrying, both on the island of Ireland and globally, and exploring ways in which these dynamics could be changed.

## Wellbeing and Resilience

Since its founding, Feasta has worked to envision and promote a sustainable future where humanity can thrive within the limits of a healthy global ecosystem. It does this through its focus on ecological economics, through its systems approach and political advocacy, and finally through its justice-based approach to research and education.

To this end (and in collaboration with the Global Diversity Foundation, Irish Aid, Friends of the Earth Ireland, and Concern Worldwide), Feasta was a primary supporter of two important initiatives in 2024 that targeted the need to confront and process difficult emotional responses to the climate crisis, so as to aid restoring energy among activists and share strategies for avoiding burnout.

These two activities were: a day-long [Active Hope workshop](#) in Dublin on 30 March 2024 and a four day residential retreat -- [Sowing the Seeds of Healing Justice in Ireland](#) -- which took place 3-6 May 2024 in Co. Sligo.

The Active Hope workshop, based on the work of systems theorist Joanna Macy, was co-facilitated by Oana Marian and Claudia Tormey. This was by an open sign up process, free of charge for participants.

The Sowing the Seeds of Healing Justice retreat was co-organised and facilitated by Samirah Siddiqui, Oana Marian, and Lelo Thebe, targeting specifically migrant activists in Ireland, building upon learnings from a similarly focused [retreat held in 2021](#) by Camille Sapara Barton and Farzana Khan (hosted by the Global Diversity Foundation). The retreat was by application, with a tiered fee scale plus the possibility of need-based fee bursary and travel support. All attendees required and received bursary and travel support (without which the retreat would not have been accessible to the participants, half of whom are housed in Direct Provision centres).

Both of these activities provided programming that addressed individual and collective responses to the climate crisis, through the lens of "healing justice", which acknowledges the importance of emotional, psychological, and spiritual dimensions of social justice work.

Both of these activities were successful in bringing together diverse groups of people for transformational mutual exchange of support and skill-sharing. Participants' feedback for

both events (and in particular the residential retreat) was overwhelmingly positive, with a strong desire for similar spaces in the future. Through the sharing of knowledge, stories, food, and nature based activities, participants confronted and processed complex and challenging emotions and regained a sense of agency, community, and leadership. Many are still in contact following the events.

Overall, these two events made a significant impact in an area -- the psychological, emotional, and spiritual impact of the climate crisis -- that has been identified by the most recent IPCC report as critical to facing the future, but which has not yet been addressed in significant ways by climate-focused initiatives. There is a desire and need for community-based engagement of this vein, and increasingly, evidence-based support for it.



*The Sowing Seeds of Healing Justice in Ireland retreat brought together 14 migrant women for resourcing, rest, connection, and community*

## National Wellbeing Index (NWI)

The NWI collaboration between Germany and Ireland has continued with regular meetings in 2024. The origins go back many years to the interactions between Richard Douthwaite – one of Feasta’s founders – and Professor Hans Diefenbacher who translated Richard’s work into German. Unfortunately Professor Diefenbacher’s health has deteriorated now, and he is only able to attend the NWI meetings, which are held online, on a sporadic basis.

The Irish representatives (Professor Emeritus John Sweeney, Willi Kiefel and Seán Ó Conláin), while acknowledging the lack of support for a specific ‘National Welfare Index’ in Ireland, continue to value charting the progress and challenges of our German colleagues, who maintain the NWI there, and regularly issue reports for specific German regions. We appreciate our online monthly conversations which cover wide-ranging topics of interest.

# Feasta Networking and Partnerships within Ireland in 2024



The Environmental Pillar is an Irish advocacy network of 33 national independent environmental non-governmental organisations (NGOs) who work together to represent the views of the Irish environmental sector. Feasta is represented in the Pillar by Anne Ryan and Caroline Whyte, both of whom attended Pillar plenary meetings (online or in-person) in the course of 2024. Caroline is also a member of the Pillar's Steering Committee and participated in the Committee's meetings and internal discussions in 2024.



Feasta's Caroline Whyte is an Environmental Pillar representative on the National Economic and Social Council (NESC), an advisory body to the Irish government. NESC contains representatives from a variety of economic sectors within Ireland, including agriculture, trade unions, farming, business and employers, along with a range of academics, representatives of government departments, and independent advisors. It holds quarterly in-person Council meetings, and its research team regularly produces reports and asks for Council input on them.

In the course of the year, Caroline provided commentary and suggestions on NESC research into areas including energy poverty, housing, urban development and employment, always with a 'Beyond GDP growth', Wellbeing-Economy lens. She and fellow Council members from a number of sectors advocated for a sufficiency-based approach to the use of energy and other resources, and for Ireland to work in partnership with other countries to rebalance international trade. Caroline also emphasised the potential of measures such as Universal Basic Income, Universal Services and Site Value Tax.



Feasta benefits in many ways from membership of the IEN, which provides greatly-appreciated funding and networking opportunities. Caroline Whyte is a member of the IEN's governance sub-committee. She attended sub-committee meetings in the course 2024 and provided suggestions on draft governance document updates. She and Anne Ryan also attended the IEN Member Gathering in Cloughjordan in November 2024.



## WEAll Ireland Hub

Feasta has the secretariat role in the WEAll Ireland Hub, which brings together a group of organisations from both jurisdictions on the island of Ireland to support the transition to a Wellbeing Economy.

The Hub's Cultural Creatives Community of Practice of over 40 artists, academics and activists is exploring creative ways to design an economy that meets the needs of all within planetary boundaries. A second Community of Practice, focussing on Wellbeing Economy policy, is planned to launch in 2025.

The Ireland Hub had a very active year in 2024, particularly in the range of events that it organised. These are outlined further on page 17.



The WEAll Ireland Hub formed a partnership with Coalition2030 to promote intergenerational fairness in Ireland in the summer of 2024, with financial and logistical support from the School of International Futures.

As part of this project, Feasta undertook research on intergenerational fairness in Ireland in September and October. This entailed producing an initial 'self-assessment' report about Ireland, based on guidelines from SOIF, followed by an implementation plan. The project enabled us to connect - or to strengthen existing connections with - a range of officials in the civil service and C2030 members, and the findings should be very useful for Wellbeing Economy advocacy in 2025 and beyond.

# Feasta European-level Networking and Partnerships in 2024

Feasta's focus on identifying leverage points that can help to achieve economic system change has led us to devote some of our time and energy to working beyond the individual nation state level. The highly interconnected global economy requires holistic, cross-border, partnership-based action. Moreover, as a member of the European Union, Ireland is subject to EU directives that have strong impacts on domestic economic and environmental regulation.

Several of the measures which Feasta members are advocating - such as reforms to trade laws (including the introduction of Cap and Share) and changes to the financial system within the Eurozone - can only be carried out at the EU level. Furthermore, the need to change economic goals and move beyond GDP in order to achieve a Wellbeing Economy is every bit as pressing on the EU level as on the national one. Therefore some of Feasta's activity focuses on the EU.

## European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

The EEB is a pan-European network of environmental NGOs which advocates for sustainable development, environmental justice and participatory democracy. Feasta has been a member of the EEB since 2022. We are active in the EEB's Economic Transition and Climate and Energy groups. Both groups hold regular online meetings and occasional in-person meetings in Brussels. Feasta also had in-person representation at the EEB's 2024 annual conference and AGM, and helped to facilitate a breakout session for the Economic Transition working group at the AGM.



The EEB's Climate and Energy Working Group is currently preparing a briefing paper on climate dividends which we have been invited to feed into. The idea is that this would be used to advocate for a 'Cap and Share'-type distribution of revenue on a per-capita basis from the new ETS2 programme in the EU Member States.

# Globally focussed work by Feasta in 2024

## Feasta North America

A group of Feasta members who are based in North America continued to meet on a monthly basis throughout 2024 to promote Feasta ideas on the other side of the Atlantic. Olivier Bradley, a college student at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, joined the monthly calls as part of his research into Canada's carbon pricing system and dividends, culminating in a blog post on the Feasta website. Feasta Board Chair Mike Sandler attended events and spoke on panels promoting Cap and Share on behalf of Feasta at the US BIG Conference in June in San Francisco, and Climate Week NYC in September in New York City. As 2024 drew to a close, Feasta's American members were in the process of recalibrating their efforts in light of the election. They remain determined to address the systemic problems of climate change and inequality, with solutions such as climate dividends and basic income to address the root causes of populist grievances that manifest as political unrest. Mike Sandler's blog post on December 6, 2024 "[The Yellow Vests Come to America](#)" provides a glimpse of the sort of topics Feasta members in the USA may focus on in the coming years.

## Global Wellbeing Economies Work

Feasta's Caroline Whyte had the privilege of being invited to a 4-day workshop on Global Wellbeing Economies that took place in Costa Rica in July. This workshop, which was organised by the Wellbeing Economy Alliance, convened a broad range of people from all the continents (apart from Antarctica), including representatives from indigenous communities, major industries, think tanks, policymakers, and activists, to identify reform initiatives with the potential to transform the global economic landscape. In addition to this collective exploration, the workshop was an excellent opportunity to forge new relationships and to strengthen existing ones.

Caroline subsequently presented at a Global Wellbeing Economies webinar in November on Governance of the Global Commons, which included the following themes:

1. To what extent can a global commons as it relates to trade, tax and the financial system address the realities of ecological and social harm?
2. How can the global be in service of the local with respect to a global commons on trade, tax and the financial system?
3. Possible pathways to scaling up / out.



*Caroline Whyte (in the brown T-shirt) at the Global Wellbeing Economies workshop in Costa Rica*



# Events that Feasta Hosted or Co-Hosted



Feasta, in its role as the WEAll Ireland Hub coordinator, was the lead organisation involved with organising a major conference in Dublin in June 2024 called 'Rethinking Growth: Towards a Wellbeing Economy for Ireland'. The conference was one of a series of national follow-ons to the seminal "Beyond Growth" conference that was held in the European Parliament in May 2023. We were supported by our colleagues in the WEAll Ireland Hub and by a group of interested academics from around the island of Ireland, who joined our organising committee and helped with the planning and logistics. We also benefited from the provision of a free venue in the centre of



*Participants in a conference plenary session*

Dublin (the Trinity Business School).

"Rethinking Growth" conference topics included **"Why do we need to rethink growth?"**, **"Where are there tensions and where is there convergence on rethinking growth?"**, **"Decolonising the social imaginary"** and **"How should we define economic progress?"**, and themes discussed included housing, finance, enterprise, food and agriculture, poverty and inequality, health, extractivism, peace, the arts, and faith and ethics. The roles of universities and students in rethinking growth, and the content of economics curricula, were also explored.

The conference was very well attended, with approximately 300 participants from a wide range of sectors, including - as we had hoped - artists, academics, activists, politicians and policymakers. In a survey that we conducted afterwards to gather feedback on the conference, comments included:



*Artwork by Vicky Donnelly and Helen O'Keefe*

**“The conference was an amazing experience. It will be one of those events that people will say in the future ‘I was there’. So much to take in. Wonderful new people met and connections made.”**

**“A good mix of demographics and perspectives invited to share their approaches and research. Altogether a very stimulating, thought provoking and importantly - empowering event.”**

**“I got a lot of good information from top quality speakers. I also was able to meet and network with a lot of other people with similar interests.”**

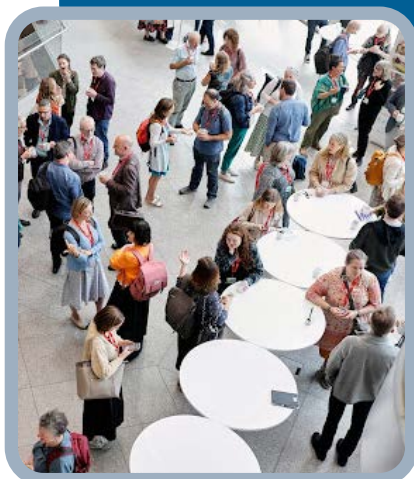
**“It is difficult to put any one speaker/contributor above the other. The quality was exceptional...the knowledge in the room from the perspective of the attendees was also exceptional. The mix between practice and academia was decent and the value for money was brilliant and made it accessible.”**

**“Refreshing to have so many people come together to discuss rethinking growth and the wellbeing economy.”**

**“Really nice to hear such diverse viewpoints and to see such enthusiasm for the topic.”**

**“Excellent range of speakers and challenging discussions - also encouraging to see the large number of attendees - so often this work is siloed.”**

**“The conference was not just worthwhile but essential!! We need to be having these discussions and it was great to see so many excellent speakers.”**



*Coffee break at the Rethinking Growth conference*



*Kimsor Oeng asking a question*

Artistic interventions at the conference included two poetry performances, a musical performance from Liam Ó Maonlaí, the screening of a short film called “Seeding the Future” that had been commissioned by WEAll Ireland (in 2023) as part of its ‘Cultural Creatives’ project, extensive visual (graphic) reporting, and facilitation from a stand-up comedian. A breakout session also showcased the work of the Hub’s Cultural Creatives Community of Practice. These activities all advanced



*Prof Hannah Daly, Prof Jennie Stephens, Prof Anna Davies, Dr Sinead Sheehan, Dr Clare Kelly and Dr Linda Doyle participating in the plenary "What is the role of universities in rethinking growth, promoting a just transition and advancing climate justice?"*



*Minister Paschal Donohoe in a conversation session*

our goal of disseminating the CoP's work.

Academic attendance was extremely diverse, both in terms of disciplines and of institutions around the island of Ireland, with Northern Ireland well represented. The Provost of TCD was among the speakers. The level and range of academic interest in the conference was very striking, and there was clearly a strong appetite to continue and build upon cross-disciplinary academic collaboration with Feasta, Cultivate and other members of the WEAll Ireland Hub.



*Dr Jeanne Moore, Nigel Clarke, Caroline Whyte and Dr Frances Ruane participating in the plenary "Measuring progress: what is the potential and what are the limits of national wellbeing frameworks? How should we consider competitiveness, and define economic progress?"*

Activists attending included a range of representatives of social justice CSOs, including Social Justice Ireland, Oxfam Ireland and Christian Aid, along with participants from multiple IEN and Pillar member groups including FOE, An Taisce, Sonairte, GFI, CELT, Talamh Beo, the Rediscovery Centre and the Environmental Forum. Two prominent European-level NGOs, the European Environmental Bureau and the European Youth Forum, sent delegates from Brussels to the conference, and the Wellbeing Economy Alliance sent a delegate from Scotland. As with the academics, strong interest was expressed by CSO representatives in continuing and expanding our collaboration.



*Prof Mary Murphy (at the podium), Dr Sean Fearon (on the chair), and Dr Eloi Laurent, Dr Báýò Akómoláfé and Dr Julia Steinberger (on screen), participating in the plenary "Why do we need to rethink growth?"*

A spectrum of political perspectives was represented at the conference, including the then-Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe (Fine Gael, now Minister of Finance), Deputies Paul Murphy (People Before Profit) and

Marc Ó Cathasaigh (Green Party), and European election candidate Rory Hearne (Social Democrats). The Minister of Finance in Northern Ireland, Caoimhe Archibald (Sinn Fein), was also planning to attend but ultimately could not do so; however, she has expressed strong support for our project and an eagerness to continue engaging with us going forward.

Policymakers and advisors included the Chair of the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council, representatives of the Economic Research and Social Institute and the Institute for Public Administration, and the official in charge of the Wellbeing Framework Unit at the Department of the Taoiseach. NESR researchers held the facilitation role in two of the conference sessions. Again, we had a sense from officials and political advisors that the conference topic was highly relevant and important to explore further.

We plan to build on the conference's success by hosting a policymaker workshop on the Wellbeing Economy in the latter half of 2025 (with support from WEAll). There is also the potential to host a follow-on conference in 2026.



Vicky Donnelly working on the visual recording of the conference plenaries

## Housing in the Wellbeing Economy

With support from the global Wellbeing Economy Alliance, the WEAll Ireland Hub is working on a project which explores the symbiotic link between a Wellbeing Economy and a functioning housing system. A focus group convened in May 2024 involved eight participants who were affected by the housing crisis or working in the areas of housing, to develop recommendations around sustainable housing in Ireland, and create discussions around permanent affordability, while generating awareness for neighbourhoods with shared values/shared vision for living. The focus group emphasised the need for a shift in housing policy and societal attitudes to embrace Community-Led Housing (CLH), and that political will, public awareness, and innovative thinking are crucial for addressing the housing crisis and promoting a Wellbeing Economy in Ireland.



Visual record of the plenary session on housing at the Rethinking Growth conference, by Vicky Donnelly and Helen O'Keefe

These issues were then developed as the themes for a plenary

session during the Rethinking Growth conference in Dublin (page 17). The session – How can housing policy support a Wellbeing Economy in Ireland? – confirmed sustainable housing as being an essential component of a just transition, but it also recognised that housing policy is not matching that aspiration. It highlighted the impact of commodification and financialisation on housing, where deregulation of the international finance system has focused on property as an investment. This has meant that the housing system is not built around meeting housing needs but is a system that is based on a financialised, market based speculative approach to provision. Here, growth is measured through asset appreciation and accumulation, not by meeting human or ecological needs.

The Hub’s housing project will continue into 2025 with a planned ‘Housing Ourselves’ hybrid in-depth event, to be held in February, and the production of a final project report.

## IMMA Earth Rising Festival

This salon in late September enabled attendees to engage in new thought and dialogue, a spoken word performance and a screening of the film ‘Seeding The Future’, gaining insight into the wide-ranging interdisciplinary work of the WEAll Ireland Hub’s Cultural Creatives community of practice.



### Contributors:

- Caroline Whyte (Feasta)
- Mel White (Spoken Word Performance Artist & Poet)
- Davie Philip (Cultivate)
- Dónal Ó Céilleachair (Filmmaker)
- Kevin Murphy (The Playhouse, Derry)
- Peter Doran (Queens University Belfast + Co-Founder - Towards Rights of Nature on the Island of Ireland)

## Wellbeing Economy Webinars

As part of our IEN-funded Wellbeing Economy project, Feasta and Cultivate organised two online discussions in the run-up to the Irish election in late November. In the first one, we looked through and discussed a list of election ‘asks’ which we had compiled from the Rethinking Growth conference. In the second one, which was co-organised with Coalition 2030 (as part of the School of International Futures project described on page 14), we heard from Catherine Carty about the need for a Future Generations Commission in Ireland. Both discussions had a good turnout of 30-40 people.

**WEBINAR** 7 pm | Tuesday, November 19th

**WHY IRELAND NEEDS A FUTURE GENERATIONS COMMISSION**

**CATHERINE CARTY**  
UNESCO INCLUSIVE POLICY LAB AND COALITION 2030

**DAVID DONOGHUE**  
FORMER IRISH DIPLOMAT, CO-FACILITATOR OF UNNEGOTIATIONS ON THE 2030 AGENDA

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WEBINAR | MONDAY NOVEMBER 11TH  
3:30 pm Irish time | [weall.org/ireland](http://weall.org/ireland)

## Other Events

As described on page 9, Feasta also co-hosted a successful discussion paper launch on Cap and Share in April, and a side event at the COP29 climate summit in November.

Following Feasta’s online AGM in September 2024, Anne-Marie Fuller and Caroline Whyte hosted a Feasta members’ workshop on the theme “Why Can’t Politicians Talk About Degrowth?”.

**Why can't politicians talk about degrowth?**



Caroline Whyte, Sept 21 2024

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## What do you think politicians think when they hear the word 'degrowth'?

Recession and poverty.

apocalypse

Crazy Radical Communist.

Silly idea

Against everything I have been taught

Back to the dark ages

Recession Won't get re elected Misery

Recession

Scared of eco activists

Luddites Dreamers

shortages, lack of energy

Depression and the need to redistribute

...a catastrophic dismantling of the system they're wedded to

## What do you think when you hear the word 'degrowth'?

New type of economics

Frugal Abundance

Slower and better quality of life.

A chance for humanity

The only way to preserve humanity's life-support system

Reduction in consumption

What need to shrink, what needs to grow

Better directed money

Simple life style

Works if done properly

A managed and equitable dismantling of

localisation of resources

The group recognised that the concept of degrowth tends to be alien to politicians, as it goes against the still-pervasive assumption that GDP growth is positive and necessary. Strong communication and facilitation skills will clearly be necessary to achieve a post-growth economy.

# Events with the Participation of Feasta Members

## GFI Workshop on Building Resilience

In January 2024, Feasta's John Sharry spoke at a workshop organised by Green Foundation Ireland: **“Building Personal, Community and National Resilience in the Face of Climate and Biodiversity Breakdown”**. John described how we can understand and face up to the interrelated and worsening crises that humanity is facing, so as to build personal, community and national resilience.



## Feeding Ourselves



Several Feasta members attended the “Feeding Ourselves” gathering in Cloughjordan in March 2024, which was organised by Cultivate and ARC2020. On March 21st, Caroline Whyte spoke on a panel devoted to policy and politics, about the economic dynamics shaping the agri-food sector in Ireland. She spoke about the tensions within the EU governance organisations about retaining GDP growth as a goal (both for

agriculture and for other sectors), the need for broader measures such as financial system reform and tax harmonisation, and the changes that the UN is planning to the System of National Accounts (which defines the GDP measure, among other statistics).



# Imagine Belfast Festival

Feasta's Anne Ryan led two events during the Imagine Belfast Festival in March 2024. The first event, "Towards a Smaller, Fairer Global Economy", was a 'conversational seminar' which focussed on ways in which the pervasive way of 'doing economy' globally might be changed for the good of people and planet. The second event, "There Is An Alternative: Re-Imagining Our Economy", was an interactive 'café'-style discussion, facilitated by Maurice McCartney and co-hosted by Collaboration for Change.

## Friends of the Earth Ireland 50th Anniversary Day of Education



In April, Anne Ryan spoke on the panel "From More to Better: Moving Past Growth and our Planetary Crises" at the Friends of the Earth Ireland 50th Anniversary Day of Education. Anne invited participants to imagine different social systems that prioritise care, wellbeing and human flourishing above a drive to profit at the expense of the wellbeing of people and planet.

*Anne Ryan (on the left) with Mary Murphy (Maynooth University), Aaron Downey (at podium), Anita Vollmer (ESRI) and John Barry (QUB), at the FOE Ireland 50th Anniversary Day of Education, April 2024*

## 10th International Degrowth Conference

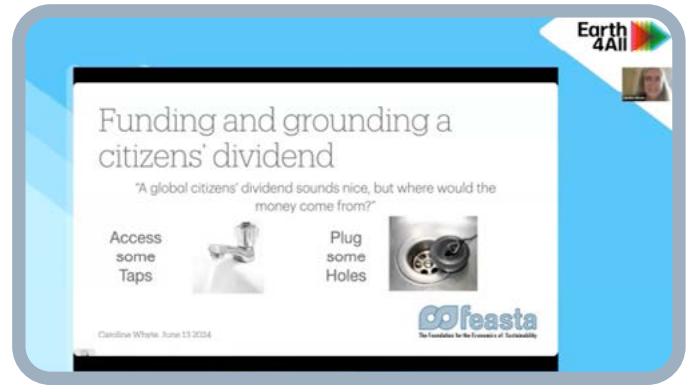
Anne-Marie Fuller was delighted to present a paper at the in Pontevedra, Spain in June 2024, on "Progress towards a Wellbeing Economy in Ireland", on behalf of Feasta. The talk provided a brief overview of ongoing work in Ireland to progress the ideas and principles of a Wellbeing Economy from Presidential speeches and national government wellbeing indicators, work by NESC and Social Justice Ireland and community grassroot levels such as the Public Participation Networks (PPNs), to the Irish Doughnut Economic Network (IDEN) and the Wellbeing Economy Alliance (WEAll) Ireland Hub in which Feasta has the secretariat role.



*Feasta's Anne-Marie Fuller gave a presentation at the 10th International Degrowth conference in Pontevedra, Spain*

# Towards a Universal Basic Dividend

As mentioned on page 8, Caroline Whyte spoke about on Cap and Share, and more generally about citizens' dividends at a Club of Rome/Earth4All online event on June 17 2024, "[Towards a Universal Basic Dividend](#)". The video from this webinar is available [online](#).



## Feasta's Participation in US Basic Income Guarantee Conference, San Francisco

In July 2024, Mike Sandler was on a panel on climate dividends as part of the US Basic Income Guarantee Conference in San Francisco. The Panel included several disparate ideas for funding basic income, with the working title: "**New Funding Streams: Cannabis Tax, Corporate Tax, Carbon Dividends, The Commons.**" Advocating for carbon dividends, Mike was joined by Peter Barnes, the author of [Who Owns the Sky?](#) (the first carbon dividend proposal), [With Liberty and Dividends for All](#), and [Ours: The Case for Universal Property](#), and Michael Howard, Professor Emeritus of philosophy at the University of Maine, former president of USBIG, and former editor of Basic Income Studies. Professor Howard also co-edited two books on [Alaska's Permanent Fund Dividend](#).



## Feasta involvement in Kate Raworth's visit to Ireland, September 2024

In September 2024, Kate Raworth, ecological economist and creator and author of Doughnut Economics, was invited to Ireland by University College Dublin to accept an honorary doctorate in economic sciences at the conferring of the first cohort of BSc Sustainability students. Along with the Irish Doughnut Economics Network (IDEN) and other IDEN Allies, Feasta was honoured to be included as Kate's guest at the ceremony.



*Feasta trustee and IDEN member Anne-Marie Fuller (second from left) with (left to right) Irish Doughnut Economics Network (IDEN) member Moze Jacobs, Kate Raworth, Feasta member and IDEN steward Roisin Markham, UCD, September 2024.*

Feasta members also attended several of the various events held during Kate’s visit to Ireland, including the "IDEN and ALLIES" event on the morning of Sept 3rd that brought together 90 people working on Doughnut Economics in local communities around the country, the An Taisce event on Creating a Flourishing Irish Society: Wellbeing, Sustainability and Doughnut Economics, a Step into the Doughnut Session in UCD with the One Health Centre, and Kate Raworth’s Public lecture in UCD entitled “Doughnut Economics from Concept to Practice”.

## How Can a Universal Basic Income Aid a Just Transition?

On September 24, Mike Sandler presented Cap and Share on a panel entitled “How Can a Universal Basic Income Aid a Just Transition?” as part of a Climate Week NYC panel hosted by Equal Right and others, at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in New York City.

Graphic courtesy of Equal Right, who hosted this event.



## The Future is Already Here

Anne Ryan was the keynote speaker/responder on the theme of The Care Economy at a gathering of Northern Ireland community organisations under the theme **The Future Is Already Here**, in Nov 2024 in Carrickfergus, Co Antrim.

Anne also delivered a guest lecture on the theme of Care, Wellbeing and Community Economies, at Atlantic Technical University in Castlebar, in Dec 2024. This was part of a project entitled **Consortium for Change**, funded by Community Foundation Ireland (CFI), to develop sustainability leadership in a local context in the western region.

# Communications



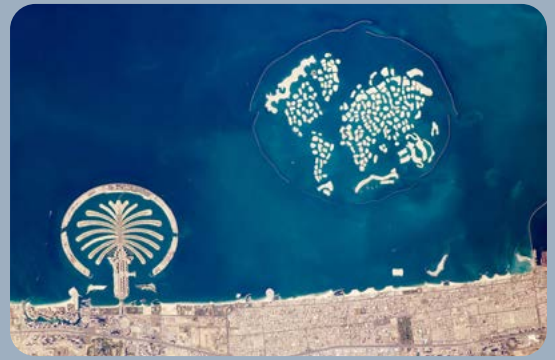
## Podcasts

In 2024 we had another successful run of 'Bridging the Gaps' podcasts in collaboration with the European Health Futures Forum. David Somekh, Seán Ó Conláin and Caroline Whyte interviewed 10 guests, based in 5 countries, on a wide range of themes connected to Feasta's and the EHFF's work. Details on the interviews are below.

### Podcast 1: Reports from the COP28 frontline

*January 31 2024*

Caroline Whyte interviewed four of Feasta's delegates to the COP28 climate summit which took place in Dubai, in November 2023: Hania Imran (Pakistan), Angel Smith (USA), Theresa O'Donohoe (Ireland) and Barbara McCarthy (Ireland). Topics discussed include: the influence of civil society on COP negotiations; the potential for 'side-treaties' that develop alongside the UNFCCC process; the shadow cast at the COP28 by war and militarisation; and the under-representation of delegates from war zones and Small Island States.



### Podcast 2: Achieving a Just Fossil-Fuel Phase-Out

*May 28 2024*

In this podcast, Seán Ó Conláin and Caroline Whyte spoke with Harjeet Singh. Harjeet is the Global Engagement Director at the [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative](#) (FFNPT). He is currently also a member of the United Nations' Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management.

Topics covered in our interview included the history of the FFNPT initiative and its current status. We discussed the limitations of the UNFCCC COP process for climate negotiations and the need for a complementary global fossil fuel phase-out framework, and to ensure that those who are most responsible for the climate crisis are obliged to respect this framework. We identified important alignment between the Treaty initiative and the "Cap and Share" campaign, and we discussed possible next steps for the Treaty initiative.

### Podcast 3: Bridging the gaps between traditional and conventional medicine

May 31 2024

David Somekh and Caroline Whyte speak with Takis Kotos, the founder of the Cambridge Medical Academy, about his work on integrating conventional and traditional medicine, including research on herbs, while also making use of new technologies to help ensure that patient care is personalised as possible.



### Podcast 4: Avoiding polarisation

July 18 2024

In this podcast Seán Ó Conláin spoke with Philip McDonagh. Philip is the author of several poetry collections and the Director of the Centre for Religion, Human Values, and International Relations at Dublin City University. A former diplomat, he was involved in the Good Friday Agreement peace process in Northern Ireland, and he served as ambassador to India, the Holy See, Russia and Finland.

Among other topics, Philip and Seán discussed included the truth expressed by poetry, links between Classical thinking on community, indigenous group governance and the role of the commons, and the need for awareness of history, politics and language in spiritual disciplines.

### Podcast 5: Care and the Wellbeing Economy

August 1 2024

David Somekh and Caroline Whyte spoke with Dr Mark Garavan, who is a senior lecturer in Social Care at the Atlantic Technological University and the author of the recently-published book 'Care'. Topics discussed include the double-edged role of technology; the power of dominant narratives – including those concerning inequality and economic growth; modernity's quest to eliminate all suffering; and the adaptability of human beings.



### Podcast 6: Rethinking Marketing

October 7 2024

Doctor Sarah Browne from TCD Business School explains why she moved away from a traditional, mainstream approach to teaching marketing, which included such subjects as micro-targeting and brand equity. Instead, Sarah and colleagues, both in the Business School and elsewhere, are now taking much a more critical stance which questions the prioritisation

of demand generation, growth at all costs, and the targeting of vulnerable consumers. They are exploring ways to harness the power of communications expertise in order to help bring about greater awareness of the need to achieve a Wellbeing Economy, and ways in which economic transformation could take place.

## Podcast 7: Health and the Wellbeing Economy

December 4 2024

David Somekh and Caroline Whyte spoke with Dr Tony Holohan, the former Chief Medical Officer of Ireland and the director of the new One Health Centre at University College Dublin.

Tony and David reflected on the breakout session on health at the June 2024 [Rethinking Growth conference](#). They discussed the need to emphasise community-based healthcare, the strong links between healthcare and the broader Wellbeing Economy movement, and the importance of tackling inequality, as it is a core determinant of poor health and was a major factor in the uneven impacts of the COVID pandemic.



Other topics discussed included the need for a cross-sectoral approach, taking into account the health not only of humans, but also of animals and plants – with a nod given to the book [The Nation of Plants](#) by Stefano Mancuso – and acknowledging that health has intrinsic value that goes beyond financial value.

## Other Communications and Mentions in the Media



Caroline Whyte was invited to contribute an article to the Spring 2024 edition of the Irish Wildlife Trust's magazine, on "How changing our economic goals could help to restore nature".

The Rethinking Growth conference in June 2024 was mentioned and linked to in an [Irish Times article](#) by Professor Hannah Daly (who

facilitated one of the plenaries), on July 4.

Caroline Whyte, the conference chair, was interviewed by the Rediscovery Centre's Steve O'Reilly and Claire Downey on June 27, as part of their Green Room radio show. The programme is available for playback [here](#).

Sean Fearon, one of the speakers at the conference, published a blog article on the Centre for Sustainable Prosperity Website called "[Decolonisation, dependency and disengagement—the challenge of Ireland's degrowth transition](#)", in which he commented that the conference "brought together leading minds from the international degrowth community in collaboration with scholars, activists and practitioners on the island in what is believed to be the first conference of its kind in Ireland. It was long overdue, and perhaps marks a watershed for organising degrowth energies and scholarship...."

The conference was discussed in some detail during the [Reboot Republic podcast](#) of July 25 which was hosted by Rory Hearne and had Saoirse Exton and Professor Mary Murphy as

guests (all three of whom were speakers at the conference). It was alluded to in a [July 5th podcast](#) by Rory Hearne, with Rosie Lynch, another conference speaker.

In August 2024, Feasta trustee Mark Garavan had a letter published in the Irish Times under the heading "[Capitalism is killing the planet': Emerging ecological and economic thought](#)", which also referred to the conference in positive terms.



Steve O'Reilly and Claire Downey from the Rediscovery Centre interviewed Feasta's Caroline Whyte for their Green Room show on Dublin FM radio on June 27.

# Funding & Fundraising

## Core Funding

In 2024, as in previous years, Feasta received much-appreciated core funding from the the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, via the Irish Environmental Network (IEN), along with donations and membership subscriptions from individual supporters.

## Project Funding

We were delighted to secure project funding from the **IEN**, the **Wellbeing Economy Alliance (WEALL)**, **Partners for a New Economy** and the **Shared Island Fund** in order to support the Rethinking Growth conference.

The IEN and Shared Island funds also supported a range of our webinars during the year, and the **Irish Museum of Modern Art** supported the WEAll Ireland Hub's salon at the Earth Rising Festival. The Shared Island fund will resource an in-person workshop for our Cultural Creatives Community of Practice in 2025.

WEAll are also funding a WEAll Ireland Hub project on housing, which Feasta is managing and which will continue into 2025. You can find more about this project on page 20.

In partnership with Coalition 2030, we secured funding in 2024 from the **School of International Futures** for research on Ireland's fairness to future generations, which is described in more detail on page 14.

# Fundraising

Feasta benefited from an IEN-supported Fundraising Mentorship programme in the course of 2024. Our fundraising working group met regularly with fundraising expert Niall O'Sullivan and developed a Legacy Fundraising policy. We have launched a new [webpage](#) and [brochure](#), and we would warmly welcome enquiries from anyone who is considering leaving a legacy to Feasta in their will.

In late 2024, Feasta participated in two funding bids to the IEN, for two-year flagship projects. Feasta led on a bid entitled "Strengthening Local Food Economies in Ireland", in partnership with Cultivate and Talamh Beo. We were delighted to learn in December that this bid had been successful. In addition to project management, Feasta will be undertaking research on the economic effects of policies, including Basic Income, which could potentially support local food producers in Ireland and elsewhere.

The second project bid was led by An Taisce, in partnership with Feasta and Eco Advocacy, and had policy on mining and quarrying as its theme. This bid was also successful. Feasta's role will be to undertake desk research on the economic dynamics which are leading to a rush to expand mining and quarrying.



The current faulty economic system is making the planet uninhabitable and is generating rising inequality, disharmony and polarisation. Fundamental changes are needed to protect our communities, fragile ecosystems and future generations.

Feasta is a think tank with international membership and Irish charitable status which takes a systems-based approach to changing the direction of the economy and the mindset of global policy makers so that the economy can become fair and sustainable, and nature can regenerate.

Feasta and our supporters reflect, collaborate, provide real facts, seek to influence, and agitate. We are passionate, but there remains much work to be done.

We focus on systemic-level change and our approach is simultaneously local and global, as we recognise that much work is needed on all levels in order to tackle the serious challenges that humanity and nature face.

We have supported youth delegates from the Global South to attend COP climate summits, while championing community wealth building, public banking, and global-level financial system reform. We participate in EU-level advocacy for a post-growth Europe, while also working with our global partners in the Cap and Share Climate Alliance to achieve a fair fossil fuel phase-out, and with Irish colleagues to ensure that the Wellbeing Economy and Doughnut Economics can be firmly embedded in the Irish political agenda. We campaign for Universal Services and a Universal Basic Income while advocating commons based taxation to help keep the global economy on an even keel.

Feasta is working on long-term, global problems, and we often lack the institutional funding that more mainstream economics think tanks receive. Our much-appreciated financial supporters include individual member donors, a few forward-looking small foundations and the Irish Environmental Network.

To make greater change we also need additional financial resourcing – from independent sources. We hope that more people in the future will consider including a gift in their Will and Estate Plan to help us to carry on the important work of aligning our economic system with the ecological imperatives of climate stability, healthy biodiversity and a safe and just space for all humanity.

Photo by Emma Simpson on Unsplash

### Looking Back to Look Forward

The seeds of Feasta were sown in discussions in the course of the 1990s among a group of far-seeing people from many walks of life, including the late economist Richard Doutrivais. Richard was described by Rob Hopkins of the Transition Network as "one of our keenest minds, able to illuminate complex issues".

The key question that concerned Richard and his fellow group members - and that has become increasingly urgent in the years since - was:

**How can we transition to an economy that enables people and nature to flourish, and that can be sustained into the future?**

To answer this question, they founded a new organisation that would, in the words of an early brochure, "speak and hold public lectures, run conferences, write briefing papers, identify and analyse future risks, inform and educate about economic and social tools to manage them, and undertake funded research".

The launch of Feasta took place in October 1996 in Dublin and was "a wonderful event" according to the first ever Feasta meeting. About 160 people attended and we have continued to grow numbers since and to build alliances with other like-minded organisations across the world.



A collection of Feasta's early publications

Some of Feasta's books and events that have been produced over the years since 1996

### Feasta's Present

From these modest beginnings, Feasta has gone on to host over 160 events, including several major conferences. Attendees of all ages and backgrounds have included economists, university professors, government ministers, senior policymakers, students and many other concerned citizens. We have published 8 books and numerous commentaries, discussions, submissions and articles on subjects ranging from climate, tax justice, agriculture, the financial system and enterprise through to risk and measuring progress. We participate and contribute to numerous events and are active

Feasta's new Legacy Fundraising brochure, available online [here](#)

**Feasta relies on the generous contributions from its members for its operation and to launch new projects. Please consider [donating](#).**

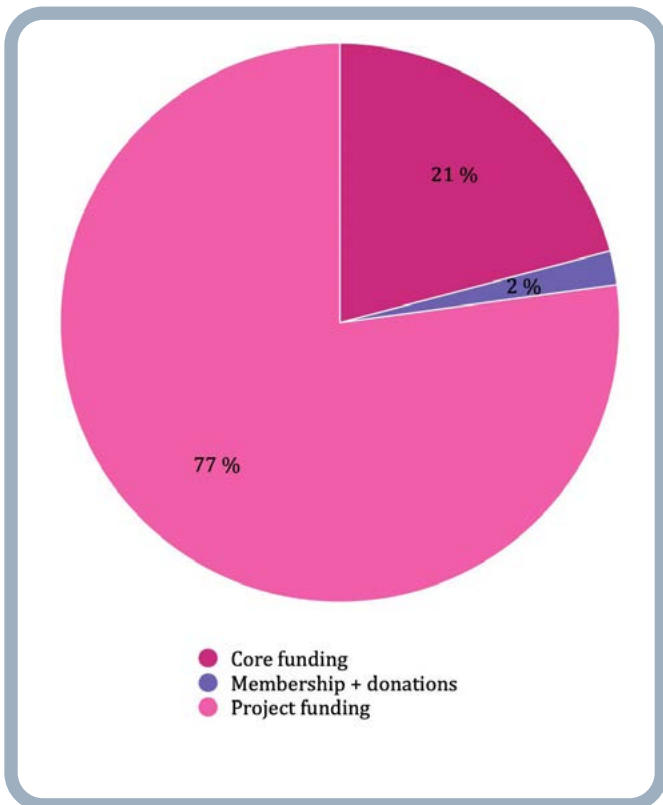


# Financial snapshot

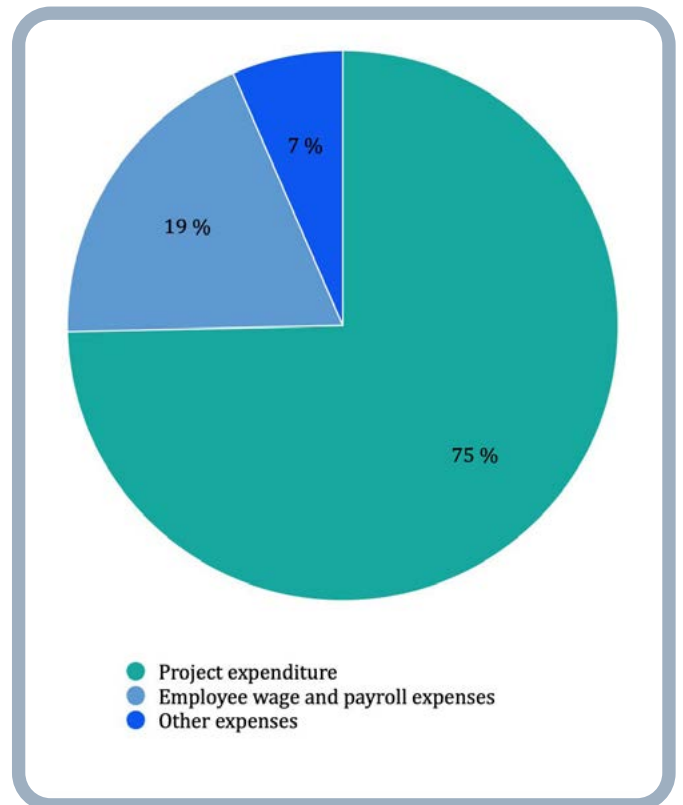
Note: This is a general overview of Feasta's finances in 2024. As our accounts for 2024 have not yet been audited, there may be some minor modifications to the data below. Our audited 2024 accounts will be published on the Feasta website in the course of 2025.

## Annual turnover for 2024: €187,149

### Income

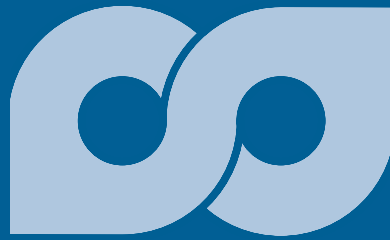


### Expenditure



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