



# B-Alternative Impact Report

2024

Indigenous Education Foundation



# Thank you

On behalf of the Indigenous Education Foundation, we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support throughout the past year.

This partnership has been instrumental in advancing our mission of empowering Indigenous youth through education and cultural preservation.

We have been proud to volunteer alongside the B-Alternative team to support your mission to deliver truly sustainable waste-management solutions.

We hope this impact statement highlights the tangible impact of your contributions, demonstrating how your generosity has directly benefited the lives of Indigenous students, their families and communities.



In 2024 B-Alternative directed over \$8,000 in financial support to IEF, helping empower Indigenous-led cultural & ecological education.

**\$8,203**

donated to our Indigenous-led initiatives

**4,000**

single-use containers diverted from landfill

Event	IEF volunteers	B-Alternative donation	CDS	Total contribution
Off-Grid Living Festival	4	\$1000	622 SU containers (\$62.20)	\$1062.20
Melbourne University Open Day	10	\$970	N/A	\$970
Glen Eira Council 'Day on the Green'	9	\$900	614 SU containers (\$61.40)	\$961.40
Strawberry Fields Festival	12	\$4900	3,096 SU containers (\$309.60)	\$5209.60
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$7,770</b>	<b>4332 / \$433.20</b>	<b>\$8,203.20</b>

# Your contributions have supported several of our key objectives

## Preserve Indigenous knowledge for future generations

Donations made by B-Alternative to IEF throughout 2024 have supported Indigenous-led education programs that strengthen connections to cultural and ecological knowledge. Specifically, \$3,500 has been allocated to publishing the Mentawai-English edition of *Siureman Purimanuajiat ka Simattaoi*, a Mentawai plant field guide produced by Yayasan Pendidikan Budaya Mentawai (YPBM) in collaboration with IEF. These funds will be used to print 200 copies of the book, as well as covering final publication costs. Santi Sagari, YPBM's Lead-Researcher for this project states:

*"We see this edition providing an opportunity for visitors to Mentawai to learn about our plant culture and the incredible value this knowledge has for our people. Not only that, but printing this book will allow our Foundation a resource for us to generate income that will be put towards sustaining our cultural and ecological education program, supporting our long-term vision of protecting Mentawai's Indigenous culture."*

## Build Indigenous leadership capacity

With your help, we have been able to continue to equip YPBM's leadership team, supporting them to develop a strategic vision for their future. This year marked the first of a significant step toward long-term self-sufficiency for YPBM's cultural ecology program. In 2025, we hope to see the establishment of a Mentawai Cultural Arts Centre, serving as a hub for their students to learn and deeply connect with their Indigenous culture.

## Restore traditional lands into the hands of Indigenous peoples

Donations made by B-Alternative to IEF will enable the purchase of land in Talekoi Forest, Kalimantan to be revegetated by Ranu Welum and traditional custodians, restoring Indigenous connections to and stewardship of Kalimantan's forests. Discussion is currently underway as to how best to proceed and measure this impact.

# Future plans



Looking ahead, we are excited to build on the success of 2024. With your continued support, we aim to expand our impact, increase the number of students involved in our partner's programs, and launch new programs that address emerging needs in Indigenous communities across the Asia-Pacific.

Our vision for 2025 includes:

- Expanding access to Mentawai's cultural and ecological knowledge through building a Mentawai Cultural Arts Centre, serving as an education hub for village-based youth.
- Increasing our efforts in ecological restoration in Kalimantan, in alignment with Indigenous knowledge and land stewardship.
- Growing our mentorship network to connect young people with Indigenous leaders in various fields.



# Thank you for your generous support

**We are incredibly proud of the progress we've made in partnership with B-Alternative this year, and we look forward to the continued growth of this collaborative relationship.**

Your commitment to supporting Indigenous-led initiatives has made a lasting and transformative impact on the lives of many young people, their families, and their communities.

Together, we are not only preserving Indigenous knowledge and cultural heritage but also paving the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

On behalf of the IEF Board of Directors and volunteer team, we are greatly appreciative of the support you have given to IEF to fuel the visions of our partner organisations. Thank you for being such a crucial part of this journey.

We look forward to seeing what emerges next year.

Kind regards,

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