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About

The Blockchain Education Network is a 501(c)3 and 1101.01(a)(2) entity established in 2014 to educate and empower the next generation of blockchain innovators. We are currently the largest network of blockchain university students, professors, alumni, with over 50k+ followers across all our socials.

Because of our mission and our non-bias as a non-profit, BEN has always been a trusted leader at the forefront of pushing blockchain innovation. We set up the BEN-Meta Delegate program for Uniswap, Aave, Compound, etc, assisted in setting up blockchain clubs as Uniswap delegates throughout 2021 and beyond, and created an educational DAO delegates course with an Aave DAO Grant.

Uniswap contributions

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Since 2021, we have run the BEN Meta-Delegate program, initially supported by the UNI Grants Program. We experimented with a "1 student = 1 vote" model, held various governance calls, and voted on several proposals with 70+ students participating from over 13 universities around the world. This model also enabled international students to participate in governance without the bureaucracy of setting up a blockchain club at their school.

- BEN Uniswap Committee: Uniswap V3 Celebration

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQhA9u5noOk

- BEN Uniswap Governance Call

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok3-znxz_Vo

- BEN Uniswap Governance Call: Universities - Let's Talk about Uniswap V3

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We assisted several blockchain clubs, including Rutgers, Blockchain at Michigan, and Penn Blockchain, in setting up their own Aave, Uniswap, and Compound delegates through educational workshops with Harvard Law and Berkeley and direct connections to interested parties like a16z who wanted to delegate their voting power to more student groups.

- How to Become a Uniswap Delegate w/ Harvard Blockchain & Blockchain @ Berkeley

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txBt_dMmpg8

- The BEN Uniswap Meta-Delegate

https://medium.com/blockchainedu/the-ben-uniswap-meta-delegate-6f9a3a81edd7

- BEN's Tally Profile

https://www.tally.xyz/gov/uniswap/delegate/blockchainedu.eth

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Additionally, we hosted a series of Twitter Spaces to educate about various UGPs. as part of our "UGP Grantee Showcase"

- Flipside Crypto https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3Qn05dOmAE

- Bring on the Stable https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1BJS9xcOf8

- PolyWrap https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fi2juYNYxdo

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To this day, we push out calls to vote on important Uniswap proposals via our newsletter of 7k+ and socials of 50k+.

- https://beats.blockchainedu.org/p/can-ai-predict-the-next-1000x-in-crypto

- https://beats.blockchainedu.org/p/apple-crypto-users-at-risk-from-new-bug

- https://twitter.com/BlockchainEdu/status/1652063756598276096

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Skills and area of expertise

BEN was founded in 2014 and has a decade of building trust from our network. Our team has lived through Mt. Gox, the launch of Ethereum, the first DAO, the rise and fall of ICOs, DeFi Summer, the NFT craze, and more. We have seen blockchain projects start, raise, and die, so we know what it takes to succeed and how to listen to the community and the market to build a robust product. Uniswap is evolving, and the DAO needs to guide it intelligently as the space continues to grow.

Team

Tony Gomes is the President of the Blockchain Education Network (BEN). He graduated in 2020 from the Warrington College of Business at the University of Florida. As an immigrant, Tony was driven by the pursuit of alternative financial inclusion solutions, leading him to a conference in 2015 where Ethereum was first introduced by Vitalik Buterin. This pivotal moment launched his career in digital assets.

Tony has held significant roles at Oracle Inc. and various venture capital firms, enhancing his expertise in strategic business

alignment and operational execution. As the Capital Markets Architect at GDA.Capital, which has facilitated over $70M+ in private placements and managed over $100M+ in digital asset financings, underscoring his significant influence and deep expertise in the digital asset sector.

Erick Pinos is the Ecosystem Lead at Nibiru (https://nibiru.fi), where he has deep experience in coordinating and aligning incentives across ecosystem projects and DAOs. Nibiru recently raised $6m through a Coinlist sale and launched the $NIBI token on four simultaneous exchanges reaching a $1b+ FDV. He is an angel investor in several industries outside of crypto, including biotech and sustainability. Previously he was the Americas Ecosystem Lead at Ontology Network, where he helped with the launch of Wing Finance, setting up the Wing DAO, various proposals to improve WING's tokenomics, driving $350m in TVL to the platform, and more. Erick has a BS in Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he was the President of the MIT Bitcoin Club and a researcher at the MIT Digital Currency Initiative.

Reasons we are a delegate

As a Uniswap delegate, we are committed to ensuring that a diverse range of voices are heard and represented in the governance process. Through our work with a16z in 2021 we brought representation to student voices across the board via a plethora of student club delegates, with an added focus on international student participation in regions like Turkey.

One of the founders of the Uniswap Foundation, Ken Ng, is a BEN alum and former director, which encouraged us to take on an early role in Uniswap governance. Additionally, we maintain a close relationship with Devin Walsh and Erin Koen, continuously gathering feedback on how we can grow. By continuing as a Uniswap delegate, we aim to amplify diverse voices, advance educational initiatives, and uphold our mission to empower the next generation of blockchain innovators.

What do you want to see happen in Uniswap governance over the next year?

We want to see more governance participation from qualified diverse voices, guiding the DAO to create real and tangible impact for the adoption of Uniswap. By encouraging a broader spectrum of qualified participants to engage in governance, we aim to bring fresh perspectives and innovative ideas that can drive the platform's growth and adoption. We believe that active and varied participation is crucial for the DAO's success, as it fosters a sense of ownership and accountability among all stakeholders.