

Simpol-UK and ISPO



The Simultaneous Policy

Simpol-UK is a not-for-profit membership organisation. It is the UK partner in the International Simultaneous Policy Organisation (ISPO).

It is free to join the Simultaneous Policy (SP) campaign by registering as an SP Adopter using the form overleaf. SP Adopters can take part in developing, and ultimately approving, the Simultaneous Policy. SP Adopters are welcome to participate in their local SP Adopters' Group.

SP Adopters are additionally invited to apply for membership of SimpPol-UK using the form. There is an annual fee for membership. Membership is conditional on accepting SimpPol-UK's Founding Declaration. Extract from the Founding Declaration:

"We at SimpPol UK believe that the greatest barrier to bringing about the necessary changes is destructive competition between nations to attract capital and jobs. The resultant divisiveness not only drives us apart, setting person against person and nation against nation, it also permits each to justify the continuance of such behaviour. Co-operation, by contrast, can bring us together to solve our problems in the knowledge that all of us are jointly responsible for our predicament. But we also recognise that co-operation to solve humanity's problems will not come about by chance. A practical method of achieving it is required and the gravity of our current situation necessitates speed. The changes must therefore take place within our existing framework of world politics and international relations."

Simpol-UK was incorporated on 22 March 2004 as a not-for-profit company run by its members. Members elect a Board of Trustees, which appoints a Management Board, responsible for the day-to-day running of the campaign in the UK. An elected Policy Committee has the task of helping to guide the policy development process (see *Developing the Simultaneous Policy*). A network of local SP Adopters' Groups (SPAGs) campaigns at a local level. All Adopters are welcome to become involved with their local group or to help set one up where they do not yet exist. Local

groups are coordinated by Adopters who have joined SimpPol-UK as members and signed the officer's agreement form (see *Setting up a local SP Adopters' Group*).

Members are invited to attend SimpPol-UK's Annual General Meeting to discuss the strategic direction the campaign is taking and to vote in elections for the Board of Trustees and the Policy Committee.

The International Simultaneous Policy Organisation

Simpol-UK is a member of the International Simultaneous Policy Organisation (ISPO) alongside other National Simultaneous Policy Organisations (NSPOs). SimpPol-UK was the first NSPO. Other countries are at different stages of forming NSPOs. Some presently operate with only a national coordinate and team of supporters, others are at an earlier stage still, only having individual Adopters.

ISPO has the task of promoting and coordinating the campaign at an international level by producing information materials and supporting Adopters in setting up NSPOs. ISPO members will elect a Global Policy Board which will have the task of steering the development of the Simultaneous Policy at a global level.

Resources and support

ISPO produces a quarterly newsletter, which is available with other resources on its website www.simpol.org

The website includes statements of support from prominent figures from around the world, past articles and interviews by John Bunzl and others, and responses to Frequently Asked Questions, such as *"What about countries that are not democracies?"*

The SimpPol-UK website is www.simpol.org.uk which has news on the campaign in the UK and contact details for local groups.

You can sign up as an Adopter via either site and then join in the SP discussion groups.

