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Membership includes regular monthly seminars, masterclasses from leading researchers to ensure members are at the forefront of knowledge, professional development opportunities, job postings for economists, and free access to our annual conference.

Members are drawn from all areas of the profession including finance and commerce, industry, government departments, private sector consultants, business schools and universities. The Society welcomes both established economists and younger members, including recent graduates and students intending to follow a career in economics.

Learn more and meet fellow practitioners:

The Society offers a wide range of benefits to its members. But there are six core services that the Society provides to its members and which lie at the heart of what it does:

- A world-class speaker event series, in which leading economists and policymakers discuss and debate current economic issues. The in-person meetings typically involve presentations by our guest speakers for 45-60 minutes, followed by questions and then networking drinks. Where possible the meetings are filmed, allowing members who are unable to attend to view a recording of proceedings on our website.
- High-profile annual events: Our annual conference – which is typically held in the autumn – attracts world-class speakers every year. In recent years it has featured Philip Lane, Sir Ivan Rogers, Ben Broadbent, Sir Charles Bean, Robert Chote, Dame DeAnne Julius and has been chaired by Stephanie Flanders. This event is FREE for members. Another highlight of the year is our Annual Dinner in recent years, this has featured Mark Carney, George Osborne, Mario Draghi, Loretta Mester, Andrew Bailey, Philip Lane, François Villeroy de Galhau and Gabriel Makhlof.
- A series of recorded interviews with prominent economists and policymakers including Lord Mervyn King, Lord Gus O'Donnell, Martin Wolf CBE, Dambisa Moyo and Ed Balls.
- Opportunities for professional development: The SPE runs a Continuous Professional Development Programme. Delivered externally by SPE Courses, the programme ensures that economists stay up-to-date with the latest theoretical and empirical developments.
- Recruitment: a large number of employers

and recruiters advertise job opportunities for economists through the Society. In addition to the jobs we advertise directly, we distribute a monthly round up of economist vacancies that is specifically tailored for SPE members by EconomistJobs.

- Networking with fellow economists at our various events with the highlight of our social calendar being our Summer Drinks in partnership with King's College London and held at the landmark Bush House roof terrace.

Who can join?

Full membership of the SPE is for those with a professional interest in economics. The normal qualifications for full membership are either a degree with a substantial economics content and a continuing professional interest in economics; or a degree in another subject together with professional experience in economics or in a related field, such as financial market strategy.

Student and Graduate membership is open to those who are currently studying economics or have recently graduated in economics.

Annual Membership fees: Full Members: £110 pa
Graduate/Student Members: £40 pa

Many employers cover the cost of one professional membership organisation for their employees and, for those who have to cover the cost of membership out of their own funds, membership is tax deductible.

How to apply

You can join via the SPE website www.spe.org.uk or contact the SPE on 01264 737552 or email admin@spe.org.uk

What our members say



'I value my membership of the SPE highly - the speaker events are always stimulating. And they are also a good chance to catch up with old friends and make new contacts.'

Dame Kate Barker



'Everybody needs a group of people to act as a sounding board, and a source of new ideas, and the SPE provides that forum for debate and discussion through its events and the journal. I value the collegiality of being in a network of other applied economists working in business.'

Diane Coyle
Enlightenment Economics



'For any applied economist, the Society plays an invaluable role. The meetings and master classes offer training, development and debate, while Society events are a great networking opportunity.'

Ian McCafferty
Former Monetary Policy Committee member, Bank of England



'The SPE is an excellent substitute for the lack of professional accreditation and personal development faced by many economists. It provides a peer-to-peer platform that ensures that members keep at the forefront of their subject and that allows ideas to be developed and changed.'

Bridget Rosewell
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