



## The Society of Business Economists

The Society of Business Economists (SBE) is the leading organisation serving business economists in the UK. The Society offers its members a lively programme of meetings and other activities including an essay prize, conference, journal and newsletter. Together, these enable members to keep in touch both with developments in economics and with professional colleagues.

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

### What the SBE has to offer:

- **Monthly Meetings:** The core of the SBE's activities, these take place from September to June at lunchtime or in the evening. Distinguished speakers from the UK and abroad and from both the private and public sectors address a wide range of topical issues, with ample time for questions and discussion. Evening meetings are followed by drinks and the opportunity to network with other members from a wide range of organisations.
- **Annual Conference:** This brings together members and expert speakers for an informed and always lively discussion of key issues affecting the business environment.
- **Annual Dinner:** This sell-out event attracts high-profile national and international speakers such as John Vickers, Gus O'Donnell, Paul Tucker, Jean-Claude Trichet, Mervyn King, Andrew Bailey and Mario Draghi.
- **Education and Training:** As well as regular meetings, members also benefit from master-classes on current issues and new developments. These are particularly valuable for young economists starting out on their careers as they provide further networking opportunities (as well as contributing to continuing professional development).

- **Publications:** These include the Society's monthly newsletter, with details of forthcoming meetings and events and membership news.
- **Prizes:** Each year the Society awards the Rybczynski prize (this year worth £5000) to the year's best piece of writing on an issue of importance to business economists.

### **What members have to say about the benefits of being part of the SBE:**

- **Giles Keating, Credit Suisse:** "*I've appreciated the SBE for nearly two decades as a great forum for debating key issues with fellow economists and others, as well as for networking.*"
- **Diane Coyle, Enlightenment Economics:** "*Everybody needs a group of people to act as a sounding board, and a source of new ideas, and the SBE 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.*"
- **Ian McCafferty, Bank of England:** "*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.*"
- **Brigid Rosewell, Volterra Consulting:** "*Economists have no professional standards body or requirement to engage in continued professional development. Yet they provide advice, reports, and judgements which have impacts on policy, business and financial decisions. The SBE goes a long way to filling this gap, and all practising economists should belong to it.*"

### **Subscription Rates:**

- **Student membership** - £45 a year for undergraduates and those studying full-time for a Masters' degree in the UK<sup>1</sup> and for graduates in their first two years following graduation.
- **Full membership** - £90 a year.

**Further information and membership form available from:** <http://www.sbe.co.uk>

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<sup>1</sup> A discounted rate of £30 a year is available to members of UK University Economics Societies that have 10 or more SBE members.