

Institutional Partnerships & Grants.

Scale your impact by funding cross-society research and gaining access to our national talent pipeline of student researchers.

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Bernanke's cure risks falling on deaf ears

Long-awaited advice from Ben Bernanke, former chair of the US Federal Reserve, will probably fall on deaf ears at the Bank of England (report, April 13).

Bernanke's solutions of diversifying models through increasingly qualitative descriptions are sensible. Unfortunately, the BoE's response to these recommendations looks dismal. Instead of focusing on diversification of thought — a necessary condition for making alternative models and

scenarios — the BoE has instead chosen to focus on operational targets regarding the structure of their models. However, there is a difference between predicting the right trajectory with big errors and predicting the completely wrong one. As a reminder, BoE forecasts claimed the pandemic to be disinflationary. We now know these predictions were quite detached from reality.

No improvements in the structure of models could fix this. The BoE failed to

see the right trajectory because of the growth and the approaches. What the culture is afraid to will let attit

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Bank of England financial stability is an issue too

In light of the Bernanke review of the economic forecasting methods that support monetary policy at the Bank of England, there would appear to be a strong case for a parallel independent review of the Bank's financial stability

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HOW WE PARTNER

Targeted or Strategic Grants

We offer Strategic Institutional Grants to fund research across multiple student think tanks, and Targeted Research Bursaries if you wish to restrict your gift to a specific university's think tank.

All institutional funding is subject to strict ethical screening to ensure research remains entirely independent and untainted by commercial interests. No donor may attempt to influence the methodology or conclusions of the research.

Access & Impact

Partnering with the National Student Policy Trust offers institutions a unique opportunity to engage with the brightest emerging minds in policy. Your support not only scales our capacity to fund rigorous, independent research, but also unlocks direct pathways for your organisation to mentor, recruit, and collaborate with future leaders.

Talent Pipeline

Gain access to the Trust's CV database of consenting student researchers across all supported think tanks, providing early engagement with future policy leaders.

Institutional Mentorship

Broad engagement and mentorship opportunities with the researcher pool, allowing your experts to advise and mentor current research teams.

Student Engagement

Direct opportunities to network with over 100 student members and researchers at our high-profile public speaker events and workshops.

Social Impact

Scale the Trust's ability to influence national policy for the better, removing financial barriers for talented students from all backgrounds.

Case Study: Leeds Policy Institute

Leeds Policy Institute (LPI) is a UK-based, student-led think tank affiliated with Leeds University Union. Founded in 2023, it demonstrates the massive potential of student-led policy research when given the right platform.

Our mission is to engage the student body in meaningful and rigorous policy discourse. We do this through the publication of annual flagship research reports, policy briefs, and student-authored opinion pieces. In addition to our written output, we host regular speaker panels and events that bring together professionals and thought leaders.

LPI aims to create an inclusive and intellectually vibrant space for students to explore policy and political issues. We empower students by encouraging critical engagement, providing opportunities to build marketable skills such as data collection and policy analysis, and fostering an open environment for debate.

Operational Overview

- Publishes 6 yearly flagship research reports and policy briefs.
- Conducts empirical research across distinct policy areas.
- Hosts regular speaker panels with political and policy professionals.

Leeds Policy Institute is overseen by an elected student committee responsible for the day-to-day management of the organisation and implementation of its strategic vision. To support the integrity and accuracy of our research, LPI employs an Academic Advisory Council consisting of experts and professors based at the University of Leeds who review our yearly publications.

Key Achievements

Media Reach

Featured in major national publications and broadcasters, including the Financial Times and the BBC.

Readership

Attracts a substantial public audience of over 8,400 yearly website sessions.

Alumni Success

Alumni have gone on to work at Amazon, Barclays, King's College London, and the Civil Service.

Strict Accountability

Funds are always channelled through the students' union as a restricted fund, keeping the money accountable and the research independent.

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Transparency protects everyone. It is the bedrock of our ethical funding policy and our promise to the public.

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Funding Agreements

Before any funds are released, we sign a formal Funding Agreement with the students' union. The agreement outlines exact payment schedules, disbursement milestones, and permitted uses of the grant.

Proportionate KYD

We run enhanced Know Your Donor checks to establish a legitimate, traceable source of funds, seeking Charity Commission guidance where needed for heightened-tier institutional grants.

Audit Access

The Trust retains the right to request an independent audit of grant expenditure and may clawback misused funds, ensuring all charitable money is strictly protected by law.

Continuity Reserve

A portion of operational funding acts as a ring-fenced Emergency Continuity Reserve. This protects the think tank's long-term independence and provides runway against sudden funding shocks.



Get Started Today

Register Your Interest

To discuss a strategic grant or join the Fellowship Network, visit nspt.org.uk/contact and we will arrange a call.

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