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## **Nearly 100 MPs pledged to implement Simpól's global justice agenda**

Following a hugely successful election campaign that saw hundreds of candidates from across the party spectrum sign its Pledge, the Simpól campaign to solve global problems is celebrating an increase in its representation in the House of Commons from 66 MPs to nearly 100. Details at <https://uk.simpol.org/basics/our-politicians/our-politicians>

Simpól is a range of policies to solve problems that nations cannot tackle alone, such as climate change, fair corporate taxation, tax avoidance and weapons of mass destruction. Politicians who sign Simpól's Pledge commit to implementing the policies simultaneously alongside other governments. The condition of simultaneous implementation avoids any nation suffering a first-mover competitive disadvantage – something that presently prevents substantive agreement on these issues.

*"Simpól has always been a powerful voice for progressive global politics - and it just got louder" says John Bunzl, founder of the international Simultaneous Policy (Simpól) Campaign. "With climate change becoming an electoral issue and UN attempts to solve it proving inadequate, this increasing support from MPs shows that Simpól is becoming the viable alternative that all groups who care about the climate ought to be supporting."*

Simpól's pledged MPs come from all the main UK political parties, SNP 36, Labour 35, Liberal Democrats 8, Conservatives 8, Plaid Cymru 4, Sinn Fein 2 and the Green Party and the SDLP one each. By polling day on 12<sup>th</sup> December over 700 candidates in 475 constituencies had signed the Pledge. They were encouraged to do so by Simpól's growing number of citizen-supporters who give strong voting preference to candidates who have signed the Pledge, to the probable exclusion of those who haven't. Candidates who sign thus gain an electoral advantage over those who fail to do so.

In the coming weeks Simpól will be working with all its MPs to broaden awareness and support for the campaign. Simpól campaigns are also developing in other countries. For more on Simpól outside the UK, please see our global website <https://www.simpol.org>

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