



Children of the Atom

Making life simple™

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Anything is possible

When somebody say's "it's impossible", what they really mean is that it hasn't been done yet. Sometimes it is because it is hard, sometimes it breaks the laws of nature, but mostly it is because our minds are closed to new ideas and new ways of doing. We want an easy life and change is not easy.

Children of the Atom believe this inertia is damaging, we believe the only way for society to progress is to seek out the impossible and make it possible. To us, anything is possible with the right people, visionary people in search of the true essence of things; we just need to get those people in charge of making the decisions. Once we do this, we can introduce amazingly simple and life-changing ideas such as those we set out in this manifesto.

We believe our people are the visionary people to push society to its full potential; we are change-makers that craft compelling answers for the common good.

Starting again

Changing the world for the better cannot be achieved with systems that are built for a bygone age and to enrich the few. We need to start again from scratch.

Before reading our initial ideas for a brave new world, try and forget how everything currently works, thus opening your mind to the potential of something new.

Consider for yourself and ponder how these ideas will change your own life and the fortunes of your business.

You will soon agree, there is a better way.

Money as debt

“ In the modern economy, most money takes the form of bank deposits. But how those bank deposits are created is often misunderstood. The principal way in which they are created is through commercial banks making loans: whenever a bank makes a loan, it creates a deposit in the borrower's bank account thereby creating new money...”

Money created as debt by private undemocratic commercial banks can never serve humanity or the planet in a positive way.

Debt interest on loans requires constant growth in the economy and population to ensure the money supply is sufficient to repay both loan and debt interest.

An ever-growing economy and population is unsustainable in a world of limited natural resources. A reality that demands human population and destructive economic activity decreases in order to avoid a catastrophic collapse of civilisation.

Democratic money opens a brave new world of opportunity

Children of the Atom are committed to preventing the creation of money as debt.

Instead, we propose that an independent Sovereign Wealth Committee (SWC) creates debt free money to be spent into the economy by the government. This money will also provide liquidity in a free market and reserves in times of national emergency.

Debt free money will fuel ethical capitalism, a fair society, will reinvigorate democracy and provide a sustainable prosperity without growth that is in balance with the environment and nature.

Setting the value of the economy

We propose the SWC will create £25 trillion of debt free money held in reserve at the Bank of England. This money will form the transactional basis of the UK economy.

By creating a limited and unchanging money supply: confidence, value and stability in our currency will be maintained. Once created, debt free money will always exist, unlike in the current system where money is destroyed when loans are repaid causing economic instability.

In the first year when debt free money is introduced, the SWC will reset society by

- Replacing bank created money with debt free money.
- Paying off the national debt.
- Paying off all private consumer debt.
- Issuing the government £2.5trillion to spend into the economy.

In all subsequent years the SWC will

- Collect £2.5 trillion tax direct from banks
- Issue the government £2.5 trillion to spend into the economy.
- Set a population reduction target.
- Fine the government and citizens if the population target is missed.

A tax system for a digital age

Children of the Atom propose a beautifully simple tax system only made possible when money is created debt free.

In a digital age where 97% of all money is held as electronic bank deposits and 3% as notes and coins, there is no reason we should continue with outdated, unfair and complex taxation.

Instead, we propose a single 10% annual tax on all electronic bank deposits and issued notes and coins.

We propose taxing the banks directly, rather than taxing individuals and businesses through inefficient tax systems such as VAT, PAYE and Corporation Tax amongst others.

To show how this would work:

1. Bank 'A' has total customer electronic deposits and issued notes and coins of £100 billion.
2. Annual tax day arrives; bank 'A' is taxed 10% of £100 billion by the SWC. So £10 billion tax is paid.
3. Bank 'A' simultaneously debits 10% from its customer's electronic deposit accounts to recover the £10 billion it has paid in tax.
4. Only accounts that have a positive balance are debited.
5. Bank 'A' would be free to charge a fee when notes and coins are withdrawn or deposited throughout the year. A tally would be kept on the total in circulation and the bank taxed accordingly by the SWC.

Wherever money is held, it is taxed by the SWC, recycling 10% of the £25 trillion transactional basis of the economy every year. This money is then issued to the government to spend back into the economy in the following 12 months.

This taxation process would be repeated for all of the 46 banks with a reserve account at the Bank of England.

Costs of collecting the tax are minimal and the process simple and efficient. A relatively simple algorithm sat on the computer systems at the Bank of England would do the job of tax collection.

We call this tax the 'Cyclic Tax' because of its cyclic nature through the economy.

It will solve many of the current problems of tax avoidance and reduce the tax burden for everyone. Tax receipts will be increased to a known and consistent annual value. This will enable long-term planning, and funding of a fair and just society that provides opportunity for everyone, not just the well off.

The Cyclic Tax will virtually eliminate administration costs of tax compliance, collection and enforcement, reducing costs for individuals, companies and HMRC, and allowing workers to be redeployed in more productive roles in the economy.

Workers and businesses will keep every penny they earn, taxed only on money held in deposit accounts on annual tax day.

Citizen Payment, providing a universal safety net and opportunity

We propose a universal payment to every citizen for life. The Citizen Payment will be equal to the average wage calculated by the Office of National Statistics (ONS).

Citizen Payment will be paid annually to every citizen in the UK from birth until death regardless of status or means, providing a basic social safety net.

For the first 21 years of life, the Citizen Payment will be issued directly to parents or guardians via a debit card.

Expenditure will be restricted to government-licensed suppliers such as childcare, nurseries, schools, tutors, training providers, colleges and universities. No other expenditure will be permitted.

The Citizen Payment will provide free childcare, education and training for everyone up until age 21. It will increase the quality of education and life opportunities currently only available to fee paying students and the well off. It will properly fund the British education system, allowing it to move fully into the private sector.

Standards will be maintained through government legislation and inspections.

Citizen Payment from age 21 until death will be issued directly to every citizen. Paid annually in equal monthly installments regardless of status or means and with no restrictions on how it can be spent.

Reducing population and environmental destruction

We must deal with the most pressing issue facing the global community, unsustainable population growth and associated environmental damage. In the last 60 years world population has grown by 129% from 3 billion to 7 billion. In the UK, population is expected to rise to 73 million by 2035 up from 62 million in 2010.

Action must be taken now to protect our planet and ourselves from inevitable catastrophe.

We propose the SWC will set a population reduction target for the UK every year, imposing substantial financial penalties when targets are missed.

Debt free money issued to the government to distribute into the economy will be reduced by the SWC, and the financial penalty shared equally by citizens and government.

A diminished Citizen Payment will provide financial incentives to reduce births on the part of citizens, and reduce unnecessary inward migration on the part of the government.

Programs offering substantial grants and support for overseas resettlement will be implemented.

We believe a target UK population of 50 million is achievable in the near to mid-term, with further reductions determined by environmental necessity.

Whilst it must always be an individual and moral choice to have children, encouraging citizens through better education and financial incentives to think carefully about the consequences of over population, particularly the environmental damage it causes should be a priority of government.

Transforming housing and commercial property

We propose a National Property Purchase Guarantee scheme (NPPG), where the government will guarantee to purchase homes and commercial property at 5% below market value after one month on sale. This will allow homeowners and business to move quickly in line with those that rent.

We propose communities will be able to nominate any property for demolition or regeneration, purchased through the NPPG scheme.

This will allow unsightly and derelict buildings to be demolished and buildings of architectural importance to be regenerated without having to find other sources of funding.

There are thousands of heritage sites that require urgent attention. Saving Britain's heritage and beautifying communities must be a top priority of government

Preparing the ground for real change

We are realistic, there is no chance we can win this election.

We are only a few weeks old, and Rome wasn't built in a day. Our main intention is to gain experience and knowledge of the electoral system and raise awareness of the party and our ideas within the nation.

We want to start a debate that gets people thinking about new ways to live our lives.

It would be great to start our campaign with decent support at the ballot box. It would show us you also care. Please lend us your vote. We really would appreciate it.

We are not interested in local government politics; we are a national and internationally focused party. Standing only in parliamentary and European elections where we can really make a difference to our country.

To ensure we only employ the best minds in the country to make the laws that govern us, all of our candidates for election will have to pass the British Mensa supervised IQ test, obtaining a certified IQ at or above the 98th percentile (top 2%).

Making life simple is incredibly hard, so we only want the best and most beautiful minds with beautiful ideas. If that's you, please get in touch; we would love to change the world together.

IQ tests are culturally fair and non-discriminating. We believe they are the best way to find extraordinary people from all walks of life and backgrounds.

We will build our party and prepare the ground to fight a 2020 election campaign on a fully detailed manifesto, put before the entire country in all 650 seats. We plan on making a serious challenge for power.

We have intentionally left out many of our policy ideas because they are not ready. But they are equally as radical and transformative as those already discussed, please sign up for our newsletter, to stay informed about policy.

A little about us

As atomists, we place value on the individual above all else.

We see the world in a different way. We see potential everywhere. We question everything. We discover new things, investigate every corner, learn and strive for the best outcome, fearless of the new, respectful of the past, visionary in the here and now.

By asking the right questions, by seeking purity and simplicity in everything we do, we find beautiful solutions that change everything.

Making life simple™ is something we truly believe in, it requires extraordinary intelligence, deep insight, common sense and obsession with the smallest detail.

Compromise is never an option. We passionately develop ideas until we find simplicity in its purest form.

As individuals, creators, thinkers, artists, mavericks, upstarts, people who challenge the status quo, we see the impossible not as a barrier, but as a provocation to make it possible.

We thrive on difficult, on creativity, on invention and most of all, on making incredible game-changing policy that enriches and simplifies life and takes care of our planet.

We view the human diaspora as extraordinary and talented, a melting pot of individuality available for cultivation in pursuit of community and national endeavours, radically changing the way the world thinks.

We believe in nurturing and driving individuals to breach new frontiers, to raise standards, expectations and create prosperity for all.

We cherish freedom, justice and opportunity, each being facilitators of human progress and social enrichment.

We cherish environments where effort is rewarded, talent and learning are encouraged, and intelligence respected where caring for each other and community is commonplace.

We re-imagine our democracy and capitalism as ideas with social and ethical foundations, building economic and social systems fit for purpose in a digital age.

These reworked systems enabling individuals to grow and flourish, to collaborate, to invent and invest in the future of humanity and our amazing planet.

Our party is new, it's ambitious and we are raring to go.

We will shortly recruit a nationwide team comprised of the most extraordinary, gifted and highly intelligent people in the UK, to oversee a radical and visionary ground-up reconstruction of all social, economic and government systems.

We know it will take a monumental effort to make a serious challenge to established interests. When people believe they can change the world, they usually do.

We believe.

The journey of hope begins with your vote. Make it count.

Believe in yourself; believe in a better future for you and those you care for. Believe in a better future for the planet you live on.

Making life simple™ is the simplest choice of all. Do something extraordinary. Contribute. Participate.

Vote Children of The Atom on May 7th.