

THE EQUALITY TRUST

The latest monthly round-up of research and news around pay & income inequality.

Most of the information in this email was previously reported via our twitterfeed (@equalitytrust).

It's just a week until the General Election and already policy positions have been debated, debunked and reversed. We must carry on pushing inequality centre-stage, so in these final days please continue to press your local candidates to support our [Manifesto for a Fairer Society](#) and pledge that they will work to improve quality of life for us all by reducing the gaps between us.

The importance of shrinking our huge inequality was brought home again by the annual publication of the Sunday Times Rich List. In our annual [Wealth Tracker](#) analysing their gargantuan gains, we showed their increase in wealth last year alone could, for example, cover 68 per cent of the budget for the NHS in England, or provide over five million Living Wage jobs, or pay the grocery bill for all of the UK's users of food banks for 56 years.

Our findings were featured in the [Guardian](#) and [Fortune Magazine](#), while in the [Huffington Post](#) we explored the question of what we should be asking of the super-rich. Our Executive Director Dr Wanda Wyporska also appeared on the current affairs programme [Going Underground](#) to discuss this broken system.

Wanda also commented on a horrific story in the [Daily Mirror](#) about a grandmother who suffered a heart attack during a JobCentre employment meeting but was too scared to leave, and blogged for the [Further Education Trust for Leadership](#) on how social mobility is achieved through greater equality, not by telling individuals to pull themselves up by the bootstraps.

Our [Pay Tracker](#) continues to be cited in stories about high executive pay, like this one in the [Independent](#), and we blogged for the [UKSSD Network](#) on what the Sustainable Development Goals mean for action on inequality.

Catch up on May's blogs:

- [Business has a role in tackling inequality](#)
- [Tackling child poverty - a message for the next government](#)
- [A Bit Rich?](#)
- [Our Annual Activists' Day 2017 - Saturday 1st July \(London\)](#)

Are you a long-time reader who's pondered whether, or how, to get more active in campaigning? We would be thrilled to meet you at our [annual Activists' Day](#) on Saturday 1st July in London. We'll be discussing the current state of inequality with some fantastic speakers including co-leader of the Greens Jonathan Bartley, running media and social media training sessions, and celebrating the achievements of our activists that help to create more equal communities. [Register now and get involved!](#)

LATEST LOCAL GROUP NEWS

The general election may be dominating but there's lots of other great work going on too. [Find out more here...](#)

KEY DEVELOPMENTS AND REPORTS

Fascinating new research by [Katharina Hecht](#) shed light on attitudes to wealth and inequality among the UK's richest 1 per cent.

An [international poll](#) showed ¾ of people are worried about rising inequality between the richest 1 per cent and the rest.

The UK ranks third in the EU for growth of temporary workers, found the [National Institute of Economic and Social Research](#).

A record 60 per cent of Britons in poverty are in working families, found a [Cardiff University](#) study.

Poverty and low income is 'making children sick' warned the [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Child Poverty Action Group](#).

Rapid growth in food bank provision is well beyond headline figures, revealed a project by the [Independent Food Aid Network](#).

A new study from the [Institute of Education](#) showed that grammar schools have a negative impact on social mobility.

A report by [Susan Holmberg](#), a fellow at the Roosevelt Institute, argued that the wider the gap between rich and poor, the more the environment suffers.

Professors Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett published their [new paper](#) on the psychological and social costs of inequality. They also wrote an excellent comment piece for the [Lancet Psychiatry Journal](#) on how 'the quality of social relations is a powerful influence on mental health'.

INEQUALITY IN THE NEWS

Low-paid and insecure work forces millions of us to rely on plastic for our day-to-day living costs, found the debt charity [StepChange](#).

The [TUC](#) echoed this with its research warning unsecured debt is set to reach a record high.

The [Independent Workers Union of Great Britain](#) sought to represent Deliveroo riders in a case that goes to the heart of the gig economy.

New figures show [London](#) is now home to over 4,500 multi-millionaires.

How do the 1 per cent feel about paying more tax? Very revealing interviews by the [Guardian](#).

BEST INEQUALITY READS

[Professor Danny Dorling](#) debunked the mythic phrase “wealth creator” in this great piece for The Conversation.

Why is the world is obsessed with [private security](#)? Check out this fascinating article on the ‘industry of inequality’.

And finally, this Guardian piece on selective education is definitely worth reading. [Chris Horrie](#) writes about the crushing experience of failing the 11-plus and why more grammars would mean a return to a two-tier education system.

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