

# 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).

## **NEWS FROM THE EQUALITY TRUST**

The campaign for a Tax Dodging Bill continues. If you haven't already, make sure you sign the petition [here](#).

Our director Duncan Exley was a keynote speaker at the [Lincoln Against Poverty Conference](#).

We also blogged on:

- [How higher inequality means worse health for all](#)
- [Parliamentary Privilege: the dangers faced by politicians who ignore inequality](#)
- [Are the rich smarter than us?](#)
- [The false choice of 'pro-business' or 'pro-worker'](#)
- [Power, privilege and papers](#)
- [Equality Trust supporters taking action across the UK](#)
- [If you can forego £1m then you are clearly paid too much](#)

## **PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS**

An international study in [The Lancet](#) found that greater inequality within countries leads to worse health for all adolescents.

New research from the [Sutton Trust](#) revealed that one third of candidates in winnable seats were privately educated, compared to 7% of the population.

The [OECD](#) urged governments to prioritise policies that reduce inequality, not just boost economic growth.

Income inequality got its first ever mention in a [G-20 statement](#).

[President Obama's](#) 2015 Economic Report focused on rising income inequality.

## **LOW AND HIGH PAY**

Care firms cheating workers out of minimum wage were [targeted](#) by Unison's 'name and shame' campaign.

[David Cameron](#) told bosses to respond to the economic upturn by giving workers a pay rise.

Premier League clubs gained £2bn more from their [new TV deal](#), but just one is Living Wage accredited.

New [Joseph Rowntree](#) research found that more than 1/3 of low-paid workers experience a low pay, no-pay cycle.

New research from the [TUC](#) found that in parts of Britain half of jobs pay less than the living wage.

UK [finance sector bonuses](#) were predicted to top £100bn since the financial crisis - '£1,500 for every man, woman and child in the UK'.

The [Low Pay Commission](#) recommended that the minimum wage should rise by 20p to £6.70 an hour.

A report from the [TUC](#) said executive pay levels are decided by 'an out-of-touch, overpaid elite'.

## **LIVING COSTS**

Research from consumer body [Which?](#) found energy bills could be much lower in a genuinely competitive market.

[Generation Rent](#) claimed private landlords gain £26.7bn a year from UK taxpayers.

Figures from the [ONS](#) showed that disposable income has slumped by £400 since 2010.

[Church leaders](#) called on people to consider the cost of living and inequality before casting their ballot.

A new report from the [Social Market Foundation](#) showed how low income households pay more than high-income households for the same goods and services.

## **POVERTY AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

A new book, [Breadline Britain](#), tells how a growing proportion of working families are unable to afford essentials like a fridge.