

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).

If, like us, you're [fed up of hearing](#) that only the rich bear the burden of contributing to society, then you may be interested in [our latest work](#). This month we revealed that the poorest actually pay more of their income in tax than the very richest (featured in the [Daily Mirror](#) and the [New Statesman](#)). The poorest 10% pay 47% of their income in tax, while the richest 10% pay just 34%. It's a fact that highlights just how ludicrous is the claim that only the richest prop up the services that keep our country running.

These after-tax inequalities are also geographical: new figures revealing the regional disparities in household disposable income saw Leicester – in contrast to its Premier League success – come in at the bottom of the table. Residents of areas like Kensington and Chelsea have an average disposable income almost four times as great. Our comments in the [Guardian](#) and the [Daily Telegraph](#) pointed out that a modern, dynamic economy cannot allow some regions to flounder while others streak away. We cannot hope to tackle these regional inequalities without tackling the huge gap between the rich and the rest of us.

As well as tackling statistics, we launched our brand new series of [exclusive videos](#) from inequality experts, commented for the [Yorkshire Post](#) on new research showing privately educated pupils are healthier in middle age than their state-educated counterparts, and our Acting Director John Hood addressed inequality myths at an event hosted by the [Al-Mizan Trust](#). Please [support us](#) to keep all this work going, and to help make the UK a fairer and better place to live.

We also blogged on:

- [Failure by design: how we can make better tax policy to reduce inequality](#)
- [More Trap Than Trampoline: Universal Credit Is Failing To Help People Progress](#)
- [New Videos on Inequality: Causes, Effects and Solutions](#)
- [The Insecure Economy](#)
- [Please Support Our Work: Our Long Term Future Depends On You](#)

Last but certainly not least, The Equality Trust is excited to be recruiting a new director. The job pack and details on how to apply are [here](#) – please share with your networks to help us get an ambitious director to lead our work for a more equal society!

LATEST LOCAL GROUP NEWS

Everyone's gearing up for Local Groups Day 2016 on Saturday 18th June in central London and, elsewhere, the groups are slowing down cars, advising the Mayor and generally reaching out into their communities. More details [here](#)...

KEY DEVELOPMENTS AND REPORTS

New statistics from the [ONS](#) revealed the prevalence of low incomes in the UK, with 3.9m people in persistent poverty and a growing overall poverty rate.

The [ONS](#) showed once again how households along the income spectrum fare in our tax and benefits system. Check out our new briefing note on the figures [here](#).

The [IMF](#) warned that neoliberalism is increasing inequality and stunting economic growth.

INEQUALITY IN THE NEWS

The anonymous whistle-blower behind the [Panama Papers](#) data leak released a statement saying income inequality is 'one of the defining issues of our time', and [more information](#) was released.

A victory for all of us in [cattle class](#)? First class allocation on trains could be reduced to ease overcrowding.

[Tesco](#) staff received a 5% bonus, while their CEO enjoyed a 250% bonus.

A new report from charity [Independent Age](#) revealed that nearly 1 million over-75s are living in poverty.

BEST INEQUALITY READS

[Ben Chu](#) in the Independent wrote a good article on how the 'Bank of Mum and Dad' is driving wealth inequality, arguing that the housing crisis is about poor families versus rich families.

'A meritocracy would invariably cannibalise itself through the unequal outcomes it generated,' wrote [James Bloodworth](#). He outlines the argument of his new book, which calls for a more egalitarian society.

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