

# 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). The newsletter can also be found on our website [here](#).

## NEWS FROM THE EQUALITY TRUST

[Watch the video from our recent debate in Scotland](#) on “Would an independent Scotland be a more or less equal place?”

The Equality Trust’s [Tim Stacey in the New Statesman’s blog on five ways to reduce inequality](#) from [our new policy document](#).

[Watch the new trailer for the Spirit Level Documentary](#) and [click here to support the film](#).

[New Equality Trust analysis of ONS figures shows](#) huge gap in Healthy Life Expectancy between rich and poor.

[The Equality Trust have produced a new briefing note “Subsidising Unfairness”](#) looking at how government contracts support high pay.

[The Equality Trust featured](#) in the Guardian’s list of five twitter accounts to follow about inequality.

New Equality Trust blogs on:

- [Why is inequality increasing and yet also staying flat](#)
- [Guest blog on how inequality affects basic skills learners](#)
- [Towards a Fairer, Stronger Economy](#)
- [Guest blog on how inequality deprives children of green spaces](#)
- [Bog roll, buses & the Estonian president: Why we need to resurrect Tony Blair’s “Respect Agenda”](#)
- [A de facto government subsidy for high pay](#)

## PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENTS

[New figures for 2012/13 show income inequality is broadly level](#) with the previous year.

[Class publish a think piece from Professors Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett](#) on the importance of the labour movement in tackling inequality.

The Government can’t claim to have cut inequality [writes Tom Clark in the Guardian](#).

State schools may prioritise poorest pupils in [admissions revamp](#).

[The Green party call for a wealth tax to reduce inequality.](#)

[New research shows](#) that as the rich are getting richer their preferences drive wages to polarize further.

[Camden agrees to test](#) how new investment affects inequality in the area.

## **LOW AND HIGH PAY**

5 FTSE 100 CEOs received annual pay for 2013 of over £10 million, [according to new data](#).

Top Executive pay goes down and up according to different measures. [Manifest, the experts on executive pay, explain the figures.](#)

Fall in wages could be 20% more than estimated according to [new Resolution Foundation research on self employment](#).

## **LIVING COSTS**

[OBR research indicates](#) that house price inflation will outstrip pay rises for years to come.

Renters pay more for their home than buyers [according to new figures](#).

Council tax rises hit Britain's poor hardest [according to new research](#).

300,000 people too poor to go bankrupt because they cannot afford the £525 fee [finds CSJ report](#).

## **POVERTY AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

[Declan Gaffney explores](#) how Housing Benefit has soared in recent years, suggesting a growing housing crisis.