

THE EQUALITY TRUST

TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO TACKLE INEQUALITY

The UK is one of the most unequal countries in the developed world. But inequality is not inevitable. We can all do our bit to reduce it. Here are TEN actions you can take:

1 AS A VOTER

Vote for parties that pledge to tackle inequality. Read their manifestos and choose the party that you think has the best policies to reduce inequality.



2 AS A CITIZEN

Hold your elected representatives to account: be an active citizen and challenge decisions that will worsen inequality, and lobby for changes that will improve it.



3 AS A WORKER

Join a trade union. Countries with large and strong trade unions have lower inequality. Find a union to join today, here: <https://www.tuc.org.uk/join-union>



4 AS AN ACTIVIST

Join or start a local equality group: our affiliated local equality groups do great work tackling inequality across the UK and you can join the movement.



5 AS A CONSUMER

Favour good businesses that pay the real Living Wage, pay their taxes and treat their workforces well – and shun those that don't wherever possible.



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AS A SAVER

Move your money to ethical banks or building societies. Mutuals (owned by their customers) tend to be more egalitarian than shareholder-owned banks.



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AS A PARENT

Send your children to your local state schools and always favour non-selective schools wherever possible. Educational inequality is a key driver of overall inequality.



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AS A ROAD-USER

If you own a car or motorbike, drive at 20mph in residential areas. Road safety is an inequality issue. People in poorer areas suffer road accidents more frequently.



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AS A NEIGHBOUR

Get involved in your community: meet your neighbours and set up 'Play Streets'. Inequality erodes trust and reduces social interaction but you can change this.



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AS A TAXPAYER

Pay all the taxes you owe, in the spirit not just the letter of the law. Erosion of our tax base leads to less money for public services and this hits poorer people harder.



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