

# Local government unions call for substantial pay increase

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The three main unions representing municipal workers – Unison, Unite and GMB – have put in a pay claim for an increase of at least 10% from this April. They say this will begin to redress a decade of cuts and recognise the key role played in the pandemic by school and council staff. The negotiations cover staff in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the claim aims to bring the lowest paid workers above £10 (EUR 11.50) per hour. This would put them above the “real “living wage” of £9.50 (EUR 10.90) per hour (outside London). The unions calculate that staff working in local government have seen up to 25% wiped from the value of their pay.

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