

Union leader puts pressure on employers to act on equality

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With pay negotiations underway, president of the Kommunal municipal workers' union, Ylva Thorn, has called on local government employer organisations SKL and SALAR to put words into action and tackle the gender pay gap. Writing in the Dagbladet national newspaper, Thorn argues that employees working in female-dominated professions face higher levels of part-time work, job insecurity, work-related ill health and above all lower pay. She points out that with average pay at SEK 20750 (€2150) local authority workers, the vast majority of them women, are among the lowest paid among workers represented by the LO manual unions. She asks the SKL how this squares with their claims to be delivering equality.

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