

Essential Facts about Essential Workers

Essential workers have kept us all going during the Coronavirus outbreak. But many of them are not paid enough to live on.

The real Living Wage is the hourly rate of pay a full-time worker needs to have a basic but acceptable standard of living. It is paid voluntarily by employers.



The new real Living Wage rate for 2020 is £9.50 per hour.



4/10 workers in
social care



1/2 of workers in
retail



3/4 of workers in
hospitality

...are currently paid less than the real Living Wage.
If every essential worker was paid a fair amount, more than 260K
workers in Wales would be better off

A full-time worker, aged 25 or over and currently on the minimum wage, would be £31.20 a week better off on the real Living Wage.

This could pay for:



a low-cost weekly
food shop for one
person



an average
electricity bill
for a week



enough petrol for a
week for the
average user

- or workers could work fewer hours to care for their families.



There are 262 Living Wage
accredited employers in Wales



Workers paid the real Living
Wage are more productive



9 out of 10 employers say
paying the real Living Wage
boosts their reputation.

All essential workers
deserve a fair reward.



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