

Our local school and council workers deserve fair pay

People who work in local councils and schools play a key role in keeping your community safe and healthy, helping people who are struggling to cope and providing a quality education for your children and grandchildren.

But our members who provide these services are facing a crisis as a result of pay freezes and pay caps in the name of austerity.

Many of them have seen their pay falling further and further behind prices – so many are struggling to pay their bills, having lost a fifth of their income since 2010.

We can't go on like this. It is not right that the families of hard working people are relying on food banks because it's the only way they can make ends meet.

We believe that these vital services and the people who provide them are worth more than endless cuts and pay freezes.



We can't keep cutting these services because the government won't give local councils enough money to ensure that they are there when we need them and that the workers who provide them are treated with dignity and paid properly for the vital jobs they do.

We all lose if our services are cut to the bone and what is left is run on a shoestring.

That's why the three trade unions, UNISON, Unite and GMB, who represent council and school employees, are saying enough is enough. It's time to recognise the valuable

contribution that they make to all our lives and give them a pay rise that enables them to get back some of the pay they have lost since 2010.

That surely can't be too much to ask for the fifth richest nation in the world?

So, if services like refuse collection and recycling matter to you - if you value the work that trading standards, environmental health and housing repairs do and if you support children's services, schools, adult education, care homes and home care workers - then please support their claim for a decent pay rise.

Find out more at:

unison.org.uk/fairpaynow

unitetheunion.org.uk/campaigning

gmb.org.uk

