**Living Wage Survey**

[**Social Investment Portfolio – Enterprises**](https://forms.gle/GybKXX77or9yLAKJ9)

**Introduction**

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**About this survey**

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We are asking for your assistance in completing this short survey which we expect would take about 15 minutes. The deadline for completing the survey is **Friday 28th October**. This survey is intended as a shared learning tool, and we greatly appreciate your taking the time to respond.

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***Awareness of real LW and paying it***

1. Before taking part in this survey, were you aware of the real Living Wage as an employer?
   1. Yes or no
2. Does your organisation at least pay all directly employed staff the real Living Wage?
   1. Yes or No
3. If your organisation does not at least pay all directly employed staff the real Living Wage, what are the main reasons for this?
   1. We do not have to pay the real Living Wage in order to attract qualified staff.
   2. The cost of paying the real Living Wage is too high relative to our revenue.
   3. Other – please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. If your organisation does not at least pay all directly employed staff the real Living Wage, how many roles in your organisation are currently paid below this level?
   1. Less than 2
   2. Less than 4
   3. Less than 6
   4. More than 6
5. If you do not at least pay all directly employed staff the real Living Wage, by how much would your total costs rise if you did so?
   1. By 0-5%
   2. By 6-10%
   3. By 11-15%
   4. By >15%
   5. Not sure

***Accreditation and barriers***

1. Is your organisation accredited by the Living Wage Foundation as a Living Wage Employer?
   1. Yes or No
2. If your organisation is not currently accredited, are you interested in becoming accredited by the Living Wage Foundation?
   1. 0 = not at all <---scale---> 10 – yes, definitely
3. If your organisation is not an accredited Living Wage Employer but you are interested, what are the most significant barriers to becoming accredited? Select all options which apply. If you select other, please elaborate.
   1. We would like to be Living Wage accredited but there are various internal processes that need to be completed before we can achieve this.
   2. We would like to be Living Wage accredited but are unsure if we could keep up with Living Wage increases in the future.
   3. We do not have time or know-how required to go through the accreditation process.
   4. Not all of our staff are paid the real Living Wage of £11.95 in London or £10.90 elsewhere in the UK.
   5. Not all of our contractors are paying their staff the real Living Wage of £11.95 in London or £10.90 elsewhere in the UK.
   6. We have many contractors and it is too difficult/time-consuming to engage with them to ensure sub-contracted staff are paid the real Living Wage
   7. Other – please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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   1. Yes or No
3. If your organisation is not currently accredited, are you interested in becoming accredited by the Living Wage Foundation?
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4. If your organisation is not an accredited Living Wage Employer, what are the most significant barriers to becoming accredited? Select all options which apply. If you select other, please elaborate.
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   7. Other – please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***The following questions refer to the organisations in which the funds you manage invest and your investment decision-making process.***

1. What percentage of organisations to which your managed funds currently have active investment commitments are accredited as Living Wage Employers by the Living Wage Foundation?
   1. 0-15%
   2. 16-30%
   3. 31-50%
   4. 51-75%
   5. >75%
2. Does your investment assessment always include a question on whether or not an applicant is a Living Wage Accredited Employer?
   1. Yes or No
3. Does your investment assessment always include a question on whether or not an applicant at least pays all directly employed staff the real Living Wage?
   1. Yes or No
4. If applicant organisations do not at least pay all directly employed staff the real Living Wage, does your assessment ask them to calculate the cost of doing so?
   1. Always, Sometimes, Rarely, Never
5. Do you actively encourage or support organisations in which your funds invest to become accredited Living Wage Employers?
   1. Always, Sometimes, Rarely, Never
6. If you never or rarely encourage or support investee organisations to become accredited Living Wage Employers, what are the main reasons for not doing so?
   1. We do not have time or know-how required to support others in the accreditation process.
   2. Our investees cannot afford to at least pay all directly employed staff the real Living Wage.
   3. The contractors engaged by our investees cannot afford to at least pay sub-contractors the real Living Wage.
   4. It is too difficult or expensive for our investees to work with their contractors in order to ensure that sub-contracted staff are paid the real Living Wage.
   5. Other – please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What type of resources and support would you require to help you actively encourage or support investees to become accredited Living Wage Employers? Select all that apply.
   1. Tailored support from the Living Wage Foundation.
   2. Formal group seminars introducing LW and processes.
   3. Informal learning groups with industry peers.
   4. Specific resources, or research materials - please specify the topics you’d like to see: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Other – please describe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_