

# News story: Low Pay Commission visits programme 2017

The Low Pay Commission's purpose is to provide advice to the Government on the rates of the National Living Wage and the other National Minimum Wages, as well as other related issues.

We want to hear first hand evidence from employers, workers and anyone else with a view on the minimum wage and its effects.

We are visiting Leeds, Glasgow and East Renfrewshire, Belfast, Newport and Gwent, and Melton and East Northamptonshire.

See the table below for dates, and click the link below to arrange a meeting with us. You can also give us a call on 020 7215 8772.

We are particularly interested in the effects of the National Living Wage, the minimum wage for workers aged 25 and over, which was introduced at £7.20 in April 2016 and will rise to £7.50 on 1 April 2017.

All the other minimum wage rates will increase on 1 April as well (see table below for rates) and we would like to hear views on these too.

The LPC organises an annual programme of visits to gather evidence in support of our recommendations to government. The visits are attended by members of our Commission and Secretariat.

We can host meetings in the locations we visit, but it is also extremely useful for us to visit businesses and workers at their place of work to see the effects of the minimum wage 'on the ground'. So, we would be delighted if you would like to host us and show us around your business.

Please note that the date of the visit to Belfast has been changed since the programme was originally sent to our stakeholders.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
26-27 April	Leeds
31 May-1 June	Glasgow and East Renfrewshire
7-8 June	Belfast
5-6 July	Newport and Gwent
9-10 August	Melton and East Northamptonshire

## **National Minimum Wage rates**

<b>Minimum Wage rate</b>	<b>Current rate (hourly)</b>	<b>Rate from 1 April 2017</b>
National Living Wage	£7.20	£7.50
21-24 Year Old Rate	£6.95	£7.05
18-20 Year Old Rate	£5.55	£5.60

<b>Minimum Wage rate</b>	<b>Current rate (hourly)</b>	<b>Rate from 1 April 2017</b>
16-17 Year Old Rate	£4.00	£4.05
Apprentice Rate	£3.40	£3.50
Accommodation offset	£6.00	£6.40