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Cheaper rail tickets for Germany's women – 20th March, 2019

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Women in Germany will get cheaper rail travel on Equal Pay Day - a 21 per cent cut in subway fares. Equal Pay Day raises awareness of the gender pay gap. It shows how many extra days a woman has to work to earn what men earn. It is a big event in Germany, where women are paid 21 per cent less than men. The cost of a day travel ticket for women on Monday will be €5.50 instead of the usual €7.00.

Berlin's metro is fully backing its fare cut. An online ad vows to close the gender pay gap. It says: "Gender-specific wage gap. Sounds stupid. Is stupid. We'll close it." Critics say women won't benefit as most female workers buy monthly travel passes. Tourists buy the day passes. Men could be in trouble if they buy the cheaper day pass. Any man caught buying the day pass will be treated as a fare dodger. He will get a fine of €60.

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Women in Berlin, Germany will get cheaper rail travel on Monday for Equal Pay Day - a 21 per cent reduction in subway fares. Equal Pay Day is to raise awareness of the gender pay gap. It symbolizes how many extra days a year women must work to earn what men earn. Every country does different things. It is a big event in Germany, where women are paid 21 per cent less than men in terms of average gross hourly earnings. Berlin's subway is cutting the cost of a day travel ticket by 21 per cent, charging €5.50 instead of the usual €7.00.

Berlin's metro is wholeheartedly backing its initiative. It is advertising online. An ad vows to close the gender pay gap. It says: "Gender-specific wage gap. Sounds stupid. Is stupid. We'll close it." Critics of the cheaper day pass say women won't benefit as most workers buy monthly travel passes. Tourists buy the day passes. Men could be in trouble if they try to buy the cheaper day pass. Men found using the discounted tickets would be treated like fare dodgers. Any man caught buying the day pass will receive a fine of €60.

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Women in Germany will be able to enjoy cheaper rail travel on Monday. They will be given a 21 per cent reduction in fares as part of Germany's Equal Pay Day commemoration. Equal Pay Day is dedicated to raising awareness of the gender pay gap. It symbolizes the number of additional days a woman must work in a year to earn what men earn. The exact day differs in each country, depending on pay disparity. It is enthusiastically celebrated in Germany, where women are paid 21 per cent less compared to men in terms of average gross hourly earnings. Berlin's public transport company is reducing the cost of its day travel ticket by 21 per cent, charging €5.50 instead of the usual €7.00.

Berlin's metro system was wholeheartedly backing its Equal Pay Day initiative. It is advertising it with an online ad that vows to actually close the gender pay gap. It says: "Gender-specific wage gap. Sounds stupid. Is stupid. We'll close it." Critics of the cheaper day pass say it won't necessarily help women as most workers in the city buy monthly travel passes. The day passes are largely purchased by tourists. Men could find themselves in trouble if they try to buy the cheaper day pass. The Metro said men found using the discounted tickets would be treated like regular fare evaders. Any man caught with the day pass will be deemed a fare dodger and receive a €60 fine.