

# SOCIAL POLICY WITH PROFESSOR INGELA NAUMANN

## TALKING POINTS

### KNOWLEDGE:

1. When did UK law change to allow both parents to share parental leave?
2. How expensive is childcare in the UK?
3. How did Ingela investigate the consequences of COVID-19 on families?

### COMPREHENSION:

4. How does childcare provision in Scotland compare to childcare provision in Sweden?
5. Why is childcare in the UK insufficient for ensuring all mothers can work full-time?
6. According to Ingela, how do gender norms vary between the UK, Sweden and Switzerland?

### ANALYSIS:

7. How have Ingela's personal experiences shaped her career as a social policy researcher?
8. How can childcare cause gender inequality?

### SYNTHESIS:

9. What childcare policies would you introduce to your country to ensure gender equality in the workplace?

### EVALUATION:

10. Why do you think traditional gender roles are still ingrained in society in many countries around the world, with women more likely to give up work to raise a family?
11. Why is Ingela's research important for everyone in society, not just mothers?

## MORE RESOURCES

• Learn more about Ingela's project investigating the impact of COVID-19 on childcare and family well-being: [www.childcare-covid.org](http://www.childcare-covid.org)

• This article in The Conversation compares childcare in the UK and Scandinavia: [www.theconversation.com/what-britain-can-learn-from-scandinavia-when-it-comes-to-childcare-68459](http://www.theconversation.com/what-britain-can-learn-from-scandinavia-when-it-comes-to-childcare-68459)

## ACTIVITY

Think of a societal issue you care about. How could you address this from a social policy perspective? Research the topic online and consider the following:

- What policies currently exist in your country relating to this issue?
- What policies exist in other countries, and how do they compare to policies in your country?
- What quantitative and qualitative data would you want to collect as a researcher to find out more about this issue?
- What methods would you use to collect these data?
- How would you analyse these data to explore how current policies impact society?
- Based on what you already know about this issue, what results would you expect to find?
- What policy changes do you think your government should implement to solve this issue?
- How would you communicate with government policymakers to influence policy changes?

Write a proposal for your research project that covers the points above.

HEAD TO INGELA'S FUTURUM WEBPAGE FOR AN ANIMATION AND POWERPOINT ABOUT HER WORK:  
[www.futurumcareers.com/why-good-childcare-provision-is-important-for-gender-equality](http://www.futurumcareers.com/why-good-childcare-provision-is-important-for-gender-equality)

