

Pippi seminar suggestions

1. Gender equality

Target group: Educators, librarians, decision-makers and similar

“I'll tell you it's dangerous to stay silent for too long. The tongue withers if you don't use it.” Pippi said.

Astrid Lindgren's authorship is very much based on letting children take up space in an otherwise adult-dominated world. Pippi has been a role model for many young girls and boys, mainly because she has a boundlessness that children are attracted to. Pippi is confident and does not conform to what society expects from girls. She is strong, dares to speak her opinion in front of adults, and delivers her ideas to other children.

How can a conscious pedagogy strengthen gender equality in groups such as children's care, pre-school and school? How can the self-esteem of children be strengthened so that they learn to believe in themselves and in their own dreams? How can pedagogy promote creativity and development in children?

The seminar aims to provide answers to these questions and provide tools for how this can be achieved in a group of children. Contact SI for suggestions on Swedish experts who would be suitable to invite.

2. Pippi of Today

Astrid Lindgren was a true child rights champion. Save the Children Sweden together with Astrid Lindgren AB initiated the project Pippi of Today in support of girls on the move – all girls in situations of migration and/or displacement due to poverty or conflict.

You and your diplomatic mission together with the Swedish Institute can join this collaborative effort and shed light on girls on the move who face higher risks at every stage of their journey. This opportunity forms part of a series of advocacy and communications events across the world to mobilise broad-based awareness and support to girls in situations of migration and displacement.

Events can take different forms, such as:

- A session with a speaker, or panel of speakers, on the topic of Girls on the Move. Contact Save the Children Sweden through the Swedish Institute for experts involved in their research series to act as guest speakers.
- Screening of a 60 seconds campaign film on Pippi of Today (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1y8MktzCC4>).
- A Save the Children photo exhibition on girls on the move will be available locally through Save the Children Sweden (coming in April 2020).

Topic suggestions for the speakers:

- Countries of destination can focus on innovative examples of how migrant women and girls are supported. Good example of stories where girls attended school and the society around them encouraged them to pursue their dreams.
- Countries from which many girls migrate can focus on the root causes of migration from their context, and what can be done about this. For example, why do girls run away? Here the seminar could explore issues such as ending child marriage, sexual and gender-based violence, lack of opportunities for girls, including lack of education and jobs, and the role of fathers in ensuring their daughters can grow up at their full potential.
- Countries of transit, or countries with high rates of internal migration, can also focus on strengthening child protection systems, or support to prevent unsafe child migration. The seminar could focus on what has been done to provide support to girls on the move, and on how governments have strengthened services to accommodate the needs for girls on the move.

3. Never Violence

The Congrats Pippi! toolkit can be combined with the Never Violence toolkit available at Sharing Sweden. Those seminar topics focus on ending violence against children.