



## Lesson 1 – Homework task

### Other Countries tax and benefits

Pick a country you think you might like to live in. Research what your income after tax and social security may be like, and what social security support you may receive.

### TASK QUESTIONS

- For the job you'd like to be doing when you're say, 25, how much is an average salary you might earn in this country, and in Jersey?
- What types of tax people pay in the country they have selected?
- How much of their income do people pay as tax? (for example, tax rates and allowances)?
- Where do the taxes go? What do they pay for?
- What sort of social security, national insurance scheme or similar does the country have? How much are the rates? (What percentage do employers and employees pay into it?)
- What support would you get there if something happens? For example, if you have an accident or lose your job.
- How does it compare to Jersey? Which do you think is better?

### PROMPTS FOR THE CLASSROOM

- Which countries were chosen
- What did the class find were the biggest differences
- What examples did they find where the tax was fairest
- What examples did they find where tax was unfair
- Which countries do they think provide the most benefits to their citizens (here's a handy ranking list to refer to)

This table of social welfare spending as a percentage of GDP compiled by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") into the OECD Social Expenditure Database.

Country	% of GDP		Per capita (\$)	
	Public	Net total	Constant	Current
Austria	31.6	29.4	16,364	20,349
Finland	31.4	25.6	14,110	17,788
France	30.6	32.0	13,588	18,147
Belgium	28.6	26.7	14,138	18,007
Germany	27.9	28.5	14,678	18,172
Italy	27.6	26.5	11,746	15,056
Denmark	26.4	24.4	15,478	19,768
Sweden	26.1	23.9	13,655	16,615
Spain	25.9	26.6	10,310	12,547
Japan	24.7	26.9	10,497	11,856
New Zealand	24.6	22.2	10,258	12,792
Norway	24.1	20.6	14,758	20,839
Portugal	24.1	24.7	8,117	9,867
Luxembourg	24.0	17.7	24,288	29,667
Greece	23.7	22.5	7,455	8,795
Poland	23.1	18.4	7,747	9,258
Slovenia	23.0	22.5	9,159	11,353
United Kingdom	23.0	26.0	10,247	13,184
Croatia	22.5	—	6,690	8,298
Czech Republic	22.1	20.8	8,607	11,108
Bulgaria	20.5	—	4,622	6,054
United States	19.8	33.2	12,284	15,293
Latvia	19.7	19.1	6,327	7,739
Canada	19.3	—	8,967	11,974
Slovakia	19.3	18.4	6,555	7,301
Iceland	19.2	24.5	11,842	14,504
Netherlands	18.9	27.0	10,942	13,694
Hungary	18.0	16.5	6,117	7,216
Romania	17.6	—	4,911	6,686
Estonia	17.2	16.1	6,819	8,585
Australia	17.1	22.9	8,659	12,246
Lithuania	16.9	17.7	7,244	8,964
Israel	16.3	18.6	6,912	8,764
Switzerland	16.0	26.1	12,055	14,281
South Korea	15.3	—	7,668	9,009
Ireland	14.4	13.7	14,059	15,837
Colombia	14.1	17.4	2,091	3,093
Chile	12.9	20.9	3,019	4,217
Costa Rica	12.6	13.0	2,548	3,291
Turkey	10.4	11.1	3,474	3,492
Mexico	10.0	9.4	1,964	2,559
Peru	7.5	—	928	1,285
<b>OECD</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>9,969</b>	<b>12,198</b>