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# Keeping the World Turning: A Video Workshop on Gender and Care during the Pandemic

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June 1

19.30-21.00 EET

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## May 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop Outline

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**(1) Introductions (30 mins)**

**(2) Thinking Care Work (20)**

**(3) Mapping Care, Gender and Covid (30)**

**(4) Closing and Home Practice (10)**

## Consent Form

1. I confirm that I agree to participate in the reCollective workshop organised through the ProGender project and I understand that parts of it will be recorded (with my prior consent).
2. I have been assured that I may withdraw my consent at any time without disadvantage or having to give a reason.
3. I understand that audio and video recording, as well as the recording of written texts shared in the workshop will take place in order for a video to be produced. However, I understand that no materials, whether audio/video/text or image will be circulated without my prior approval.
4. I have been assured that my name and other personal data will not be shared or used in any material without my prior consent.
5. I have been assured that only members of reCollective who are working on the project will have access to the recordings and any other material produced during the workshop.

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## What Care Means

- A full time job.
- Putting other's needs before yours and keeping everything organised.
- You are ethically committed to a closer circle of people to offer them your services in order to have them pleased, powered by sentimental reasons.
- The labour of caring for those who either need or have been accustomed to being taken care of -children, the sick or elderly etc, but also partners who, through the adoption of social gender roles have grown accustomed to have someone taking care of some of their basic needs. Also true in society in general where this work is oftentimes paid.
- Unpaid work for caring in regular basis an ill or elderly family person.
- Care means empathy, solidarity and support.
- Volunteer work with the Red Cross.

## Caring Labour during Covid

Prior to COVID-19, data on how much time women and men spent on unpaid care and domestic work was scarce. What we knew was that, on an average pre-COVID-19 day, **women already spent about three times as many hours on unpaid domestic work and care work as men.**

But the pandemic has complicated everything – increasing demands for care and domestic work and impeding traditional in-person data-gathering.

Available data from 38 countries overwhelmingly confirm that both women and men have increased their unpaid workloads, but **women are still doing the lion's share.** Women are also taking on a greater intensity of care-related tasks than men. Meanwhile, **parents are getting more help from daughters** than sons. Worryingly, **more women than men are leaving the workforce**, perhaps as a result of these increased workloads.

The economic fallout, including loss of jobs and livelihoods, is expected to **push millions of additional people into extreme poverty** – and women and girls stand to be the hardest-hit.

Source: [https://data.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Whose-time-to-care-brief\\_0.pdf](https://data.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/Whose-time-to-care-brief_0.pdf)

## The Organisation and Shape of Care

- (1) What is the gendered nature of care?
- (2) How have the organisation and shape of care work been changing during the pandemic?
- (3) How has care's value been changing?

### Group 1: Organisation

- Who does care work? ('family'/private paid care workers/the state...)
- With what frequency?

### Group 2: Shape

- Where does care work happen? (at home/community/public space)
- What does it involve? (domestic work/psychological support/homework support/tech support etc)

## Home practice

### **(2) Portrait of an object of care (video/audio)**

Select an object that represents some aspect of care for you. It can be an object that makes you feel love, anger, laughter, sadness... Anything, a brush, your wallet, a chair, your kitchen table...

**(1) *Visual portrait of the object:*** either photo or short video clips (ie 15 seconds). Describe it visually. Video shots can be static, use different angles/heights. Get in close: capture its texture, shape, the light on it, study it in detail. If you can't film/take photos, find links online with images of a similar object.

**(2) *An audio note on your choice of object:*** Use phone to record a short (1-2 min) audio note about why you chose that object. Or you can write something/take a photo of something you write on paper...

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