A Broken Social Elevator? How to Promote Social Mobility

More people think that it is important to have well-educated parents to get ahead

- In 1987, 31%
- In 1992, 27%
- In 2009, 36%
- In 2015, 22%

Less people think that their own financial situation will improve

Sticky floors at the bottom

- 1 child of manual worker out of 4 becomes a manager
- 4 children with low-educated parents out of 10 end up with low education

Sticky ceilings at the top

- 1 child of manager out of 2 becomes a manager
- 1 child with high-educated parents out of 10 ends up with low education

The poorest and the richest are most likely to remain that way

- 60% poorest
- 70% richest

Over a four-year period, almost 60% of people remain stuck at the bottom 20%, 70% of the 20% richest remain stuck at the top.

Income changes are shaped by

- labour markets
- family events
- health
- policies

What policy makers can do

Grant children equal opportunities

Mitigate the consequences of adverse life events

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