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"Oh, anyone can play hockey.  
But ø takes a real man to curl."

Null subjects and other curiosities  
of Newfoundland English



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Susanne Wagner took both her MA and PhD in English linguistics, specialising in corpus linguistics, dialectology, language variation and change in one of Germany's leading universities, the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg-im-Breisgau. In her thesis, she investigated a feature of the traditional dialects of Southwest England and Newfoundland, using approaches from both traditional and modern dialectology and applying quantitative and qualitative research tools to a number of different corpora. She was one of three team members responsible for compiling the Freiburg English Dialect Corpus (FRED), at 2.5 million words the largest corpus of spoken British English dialect material currently available. She initiated and until recently headed a sociolinguistic research project "English in Newfoundland – traditional dialects in the 21st century" funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Susanne is now one of Kent's two **Leverhulme Visiting Scholars** and is currently working on a postdoctorate project on null subjects in English.