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Andrew Morris, Head of pay, conditions and bargaining, NUT

We asked LRD to carry out a comparative study of the anti-union laws across Europe with particular reference to firefighters. The report clearly explained the different circumstances confronting firefighters in Europe and comprehensively dealt with the complexities of employment law.

This study adds to our knowledge of industrial relations across the continent and strengthens our ties of solidarity. Much appreciated.

Dave Green, National Officer, FBU

Types of research we undertake:
LRD has the facility to fulfil a wide range of research needs, both quantitative and qualitative, for example:

- Surveys – both internet-based and hard copy-based
- Interviews, case studies and focus groups
- Freedom of Information requests
- Desk-based research – for example literature reviews and analysis of official statistics and corporate accounts
- Customised publications, such as guidance booklets and model agreements
- Content for union websites

(This is not a comprehensive list so please contact us for information on other possible help we can provide)

What makes us unique?

- Over a hundred years of trade union and employment research experience a database of thousands of workplace union reps
- an unparalleled understanding of how unions work.
- This means LRD approaches commissions with a clear union perspective.

Contact us

If you are interested in commissioning a piece of research or simply want to discuss a few research ideas with us...

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From advising on developments in employment law to helping us keep union activists up to date with developments in pay and bargaining, we’ve valued their dedication to our shared aims and approachable way of working.

John Wood, Digital Manager, TUC

Unions and other organisations have used our expertise to help them...

- survey and analyse their membership, activists and staff
- back up negotiations and review body submissions
- analyse union recruitment and organising activity
- investigate health and safety issues, including stress
- tackle inequality in the workplace or the union
- monitor developments in pay and conditions
- uncover the pay and perks of top executives
- fulfil union conference resolutions calling for research and guidance materials

Some examples of research recently carried out by LRD

- Model agreements on surveillance at work, domestic violence, carers and maternity (GMB)
- Safety Rep Surveys – biennial surveys of thousands of safety reps across unions (TUC)
- Survey of teachers’ views on the plan for local pay (for unions’ submission to Pay Review Body) (ASCL, ATL, NAHT, NUT, UCAC, Voice)
- Equality Audits – biennial study of equality structures and activities among TUC affiliates (TUC)
- Survey of 5,500 women members over age 50 investigating their working lives and aspirations (UNISON)
- Survey of stress levels among nearly 8,000 workers in the civil service (PCS)
- Work rights and health and safety content for TUC work SMART website (TUC)
- Trade union strategies for the self-employed (ETUC)
- Focus groups investigating what union officials want from Acas (Acas)
- Reps’ pocket guide to environmental issues (Community)
- Tackling and preventing psychosocial risks among central government staff – a step-by-step guide (TUNED and EUPAE)
- Low pay and outsourcing in higher education – based on Freedom of Information requests to institutions (UNISON)
- Web content on bogus self-employment (NUT)
- Firefighters’ working hours and the case for a cut in the working week (FBU)