



Dear Member,

We would be very grateful if you could complete the ATL rep survey of organising issues in FE colleges, specifically, around recognition status and facilities time for reps.

This is an important piece of work for ATL and your participation makes the survey unique and authoritative, and helps raise ATL's profile and our ability to campaign on your behalf. Of real note here is the Coalition Government's attacks on trade union facilities time which we have to counter. But we can only do this if we have evidence of activity that we can present systematically and factually.

ATL is extremely grateful for your work in FE colleges as a rep or contact and we know how much work you have done with membership doubling over the last 5 years. With AMiE we are now a very significant voice in the post 16 sector.

But with union density around 50% in the sector we know there is more work to be done. As you will be leading that work on the ground we need to know what support you currently have and what information you have to hand. This survey will take us to the next step of our development.

You will be receiving ATL's new handbook for reps 'Working in the Post 16 Sector' which will be sent to reps and FE college Principals. This handbook will help you develop your skills and knowledge base further and support you in local negotiations.

We would be very grateful if you can spare the time to complete the survey by **Monday 13th February 2012**. To go to the survey please click [here](#).

Please be assured that all information will be treated confidentially. There will be press interest, so we are keen to have your comments which we can use anonymously. If you are prepared to be quoted by name, please indicate this in any of your comments and we may contact you.

The results will be tabled at FESAG (Further Education Sector Advisory Group) on 17th March and discussed. They will also be an invaluable aid to staff in our post 16 project work. Some findings may be quoted in the TUC campaign for defending facilities time for trade union reps.

If you have any difficulties accessing the survey or have any other general questions about it please email Aleksandra Bartosz on abartosz@atl.org.uk.

Alternatively, the survey can also be completed on the ATL website at click [here](#).

This survey is being sent to ATL reps and contacts working in Further Education Colleges in England and Wales.

Thank you.

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