

What's in it
for me?

10 benefits of membership

Benefits of
membership series



ATL is the union for education professionals across the UK. Active in the maintained, independent and post-16 sectors, we use our members' experiences to influence education policy, and we work with government and employers to secure fair pay and working conditions. From early years to HE, teachers to support staff, lecturers to leaders, we support and represent our members throughout their career.

Not yet a member?

To be part of the union that puts education first, join ATL today.

As a member you will have peace of mind knowing ATL offers first-class support, insurance protection, professional advice and representation, plus unrivalled publications, resources and continuing professional development (CPD) for your personal and professional development. To join or check our competitive rates, including special offers for students and newly qualified members, visit www.atl.org.uk/join or call **0845 057 7000**.*

* Terms and conditions available online. Local rates apply.

Already a member? You've joined us, now join in and get on

Getting involved with your union is the best way to achieve effective change, both in working conditions and in education. And it can enhance your professional development too. There are many ways to get involved, from giving your views on education policy to attending one of our training courses or becoming the ATL rep for your workplace.

Look up www.atl.org.uk/getinvolved for more.

Welcome to What's in it for me?

Welcome to ATL: *What's in it for me?*, the publication designed to help you make the most of your membership.

We have a lot to offer you. As the education union, ATL represents members working in all roles and sectors in all nations of the UK. We understand, and will fight, for the issues important to you. And as a member, you benefit professionally and personally from a wide range of services.

ATL provides legal advice, insurance and personal injury protection, opportunities for CPD, an unrivalled selection of free guides, factsheets and publications, and much more – as you

will see. ATL is your union. While we're here to support you, we also encourage you to get involved – from putting up a poster, to letting others know what ATL can offer them, to taking a more active role in representing your colleagues at local, regional or national level.

You can always visit ATL's website at **www.atl.org.uk** for further information about the advantages of membership and how you can get involved.

Dr Mary Bousted
General secretary



ATL provides you with all the benefits you'd expect from your union, including confidential legal support and personal injury protection.

You can contact your workplace rep or local branch with any queries or concerns, and ATL's team of member advisers are on hand to provide you with confidential and personal support on any employment-related issue that arises after you join us.

We also have an in-house team of lawyers to support you, should the need arise, and our regional officials are available to speak to you about work problems outside normal working hours. See next section for details of how to get in touch.

For financial assistance in times of illness or hardship, most ATL members can apply to the ATL Trust Fund; visit www.atl.org.uk/trustfund for further information.

How to get in touch

Your local ATL branch

Your branch secretary can provide help and advice. If you do not know the name or telephone number of your ATL branch secretary, call **020 7930 6441** or use the **Find my branch** box on ATL's home page at www.atl.org.uk.

ATL's member advisers

To speak to a member adviser call **020 7930 6441** during office hours or email them at info@atl.org.uk.

ATL's out-of-hours helpline

To speak to our regional officials call **020 7782 1612** between 5pm-8pm, Monday to Friday during term time.

Pension enquiries

For pension enquiries call **020 7782 1600** during office hours or email info@atl.org.uk.

Personal injury claims

Contact ATL's personal injury solicitors, Morrish Solicitors, by phone on **0800 083 7285** or visit them at www.atlinjuryclaims.org.uk.

2.
Excellent
professional
and
personal
development

ATL is committed to helping you develop through the course of your career. You can access a comprehensive range of CPD courses through ATL, most of which are free to all members.

Our courses will help equip you with the skills you need to develop your career, such as managing challenging behaviour or using your voice. Our *Professional development programme* is also designed to help you identify and meet your learning needs as part of your performance management review, Institute for Learning requirement, or any kind of development structure your workplace offers you.

We also provide our school and college reps, health and safety reps and union learning reps (ULRs) with tailored training courses.

Visit www.atl.org.uk/training, call ATL's training unit on **020 7782 1582** or email training@atl.org.uk for further details.



Our unique relationship with Edge Hill University means all school and college staff have access to discounted learning opportunities that gain them academic credits and could lead to a masters in education.

Edge Hill University is one of the UK's leading providers of professional development for the wider school and college workforce. Our partnership offers you flexible opportunities to complete either a postgraduate or foundation degree mainly through 'naturally occurring evidence' from your workplace.

You can access modules and accreditation by attending ATL courses, Edge Hill modules or workplace projects. Degrees can be completed in manageable chunks and studying via Edge Hill also shows an engagement with CPD for performance management purposes.

If you are interested in gaining a new qualification using ATL's partnership with Edge Hill University, contact your local ULR for advice and support, or you can call Edge Hill University direct on **01257 517117** or email them at **pd@edgehill.ac.uk**.



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ATL members* automatically receive insurance protection and cover in their workplace, including the following:

- personal accident cover - members are automatically insured for £5,000 against death, permanent total disablement and loss of limbs, eyesight or digits
- loss or damage to property or cash (maximum benefit payable £250)
- malicious damage to cars and bikes (maximum benefit payable £250)
- assault – as a member you are covered against injury following physical assault by any person within your school or college. If, as a result of the assault, you require dental treatment this is also covered (maximum benefit payable £200).

ATL has also negotiated discounts on motor, home, pet and travel insurance, as well as insurance for private work; visit our website at www.atl.org.uk/plus for further details.

To find out more about making an insurance claim, call **020 7930 6441** or email info@atl.org.uk.

*Protection is not provided to those with retired or associate membership, nor to members who work overseas. Some terms and conditions apply to those with student membership.

ATL knows the importance of providing authoritative, relevant and practical information to benefit you professionally and personally.

We are unrivalled in the range and quality of the free publications we produce to help you throughout your career in education. We publish downloadable advice and pension factsheets, employment guidance publications and education and research publications across a range of subjects, including bullying in the workplace and teaching pupils with special educational needs.

You can download and order hard copies of our publications and resources for free at www.atl.org.uk.



A person's hands are visible at the bottom, holding a large, light blue rectangular sign with a white border. The sign is tilted slightly to the right. The background is a blurred classroom with rows of white desks and blue chairs. The sign contains the following text:

6.
**REPORT MAGAZINE
AND NEWSLETTERS**

ATL produces *Report* magazine for all its members, as well as a series of newsletters containing the latest news and advice for your sector, role, nation or branch:

- award-winning *Report* magazine keeps you up-to-date with member news and what's going on in education, with features, interviews and more
- national newsletters, *ATL Cymru news*, *ATL Scotland* and *Frontline*, the Northern Ireland newsletter
- *Being a rep*, a dedicated newsletter for all our reps, encompassing information on workplace reps, health and safety and union learning
- newsletters for sectors, *Independent schools*, *Post-16 news*, *ATL support* and *Academy news*
- branch newsletters, with all the latest news and information in your area.

ATL's website contains all the information you need to help you in your working life. You can follow the latest news from ATL, access our help and advice pages, download or order publications, read ATL's *Report* magazine and newsletters, and book training courses. Or you can find out how to take part in surveys and discussion groups, how to get involved in the union or research a range of issues from health and safety to pay and pensions.

You can also tailor your homepage for your sector and region, so that you are linked directly to the news and information most relevant to you.

A close-up photograph of a laptop screen. The screen is filled with a solid yellow color. In the upper left corner of the screen, the number '7.' is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the number, the website address 'www.atl.org.uk' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, slanted slightly upwards to the right. The laptop's keyboard is partially visible at the bottom left of the frame.

7.
www.atl.org.uk

A woman with dark hair, seen from the back and side, is writing on a whiteboard. She is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and holding a black marker. The whiteboard has the text '8. WE ARE LED BY YOU' written in blue marker.

8.
WE ARE LED
BY YOU

ATL is led by its members, for its members. Eighty elected members sit on our Executive Committee, which runs ATL and develops every aspect of its policy, work and services, including resolutions passed at ATL's annual Conference.

Each Executive member represents up to four local branches and they inform our policies via the resolutions that they put forward at Conference.

Thousands of ATL members also share their views, shape our policies and strengthen our arguments by taking part in our discussion groups, surveys and networks every year.

ATL has a well-respected voice in the education debate because we provide considered alternatives to ineffective policies or difficult issues, such as assessment, the curriculum, FE funding and academies.

We use the experiences of members to formulate policy and run successful campaigns on the issues that matter to you.

In Britain, ATL is affiliated to the Trades Union Congress and in Northern Ireland to the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. By working together with other unions through these bodies, we are able to extend the influence of members and set the agenda on your key issues.



10. More from your membership

ATL aims to give you more for your membership by providing you and your family with a wide range of money-saving benefits and services by using the ATL plus programme.

We have negotiated a range of discounts and offers covering everything from finance, health, home and IT to lifestyle, legal issues and travel, including special rates on motor, home and travel insurance via our partner Aviva, and independent financial advice from Endsleigh. All our ATL plus partners are reputable companies that go through an ATL approval process.

You can find details of all the ATL plus offers at www.atl.org.uk/plus or see *Report* magazine.



Your 10 benefits of membership

1 Help, advice and support

2 Excellent professional and personal development

3 Unique partnership with Edge Hill University

4 Insurance protection

5 Publications and resources

6 Report magazine and newsletters

7 www.atl.org.uk

8 We are led by you

9 A voice in the education debate

10 More from your membership





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