



Robert has a wide research and evaluation portfolio, covering a variety of policy areas. Robert has experience of working with a range of program developers at different stages in their evaluation journey. This includes building evaluation frameworks, formative and pilot evaluations and substantive impact evaluation.



I enjoy synthesizing evidence from different evaluation approaches to understand what makes a program work and why.

ROBERT WISHART

MANAGER



Robert joined ARTD in 2021. He specialises in counterfactual impact evaluation and data analysis, with an interest in early years education and the labour market. He has a background in economics, statistics and policy analysis, and brings experience as a Research Director at NatCen Social Research, Britain's largest independent social research organisation.

EVALUATION, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Robert brings advanced statistical analytical skills. This includes analysis of randomized controlled trials, propensity score matching, difference-in-differences and interrupted time-series analysis. He uses a range of statistical programs including Stata, R and SPSS.

Robert's prior research portfolio includes:

- >> **Eight randomised control trials** of UK education intervention. These interventions included pedagogy programs such as the Same Day Intervention, behavioural insights intervention such as Texting students and Study Supports, and tutoring and mentoring programs.
- >> **Evaluation and Social Return of Investment of the Innovation Fund for Young People;** an evaluation of a suite of programs funded through social impact bonds that aimed to improve outcomes for young people at risk of not being in employment, education or training (NEET).
- >> **Feasibility study for evaluating Labour Market Enforcement;** to assess whether an evaluation of government enforcement of labour market rights such as the minimum wage, wage theft and modern slavery was feasible.
- >> **National Evaluation of Family Drug Alcohol Courts;** a program which aims to tackle parental drug and alcohol abuse to ensure children can safely remain in their family home.
- >> **Systematic review and meta-analysis of mental-health interventions for serving and ex-Service personnel** for the Forces in Mind Trust. This assessed the effectiveness of a wide range of interventions for mental health conditions such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression.
- >> **Evaluating the impact of a behavioural insights campaign on COVID-19 vaccine uptake** in the UK. The intervention was targeted at small areas in England, with the evaluation using synthetic control methods to estimate the impact of the program.