



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.