

**YOU HAVE THE**

**POWER**

**TO TAKE CONTROL**



**BUT ONLY IF**

**YOU**

**CHOOSE TO USE IT!**

**4**

**SIMPLE WAYS**

**TO RESEARCH WHICH**

**UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU**

**AND 5 THINGS**

**YOU SHOULD CONSIDER**

**BEFORE**

**YOU SIGN UP!**

**[WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

## **4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

**It is important for a UK teaching assistant to research unions before signing up for one because different unions have different focuses, priorities, and resources.**

**Some unions may be more focused on certain issues, such as pay and working conditions, while others may be more focused on professional development and networking. It's important to find a union that aligns with your own priorities and needs as a teaching assistant.**

**Additionally, some unions may have more resources and support to offer their members, while others may not have as much. Therefore, researching different unions and comparing their offerings can help you make an informed decision about which union to join.**

**It's also important to note that some unions are more active and influential than others, so if you**

**[www.taincontrol.com/join](http://www.taincontrol.com/join)**

## **4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

are looking for a union that has a strong presence in your school and can advocate for your rights effectively, it's essential to research the union's reputation and track record.

In this TA IN CONTROL VALUABLE FREE RESOURCE, I tell you 4 simple ways to research which union is right for you and 5 things you should consider before you sign up. I've also given you the details of 8 unions along with links to their websites.

One word of warning though...

To change your work situations, you've got to take some kind of action...

and that means taking control yourself rather than waiting for others to take control for you♥

**[WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

## 4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!

There are several simple ways for UK teaching assistants to research different unions, including:

- 1** **Union websites:** Many unions have a dedicated section on their website for members, where TAs can find information about the union's services, benefits, and professional development opportunities.
- 2** **Union representatives:** TAs can contact their local union representatives for information about the union's services, benefits, and professional development opportunities.
- 3** **Union publications:** Unions often publish brochures and other materials that provide information about the union's services, benefits, and professional development opportunities.
- 4** **Online reviews and forums:** TAs can look up online reviews of different unions and participate in online forums to get a sense of the union's reputation and the experiences of other members.

Later in this VALUABLE FREE RESOURCE I've given information about 8 unions, suitable for TAs including links to their websites!

[www.taincontrol.com/join](http://www.taincontrol.com/join)

## 4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!

And when researching unions to join, TAs should look for information about:

**1** **Representation and support:** TAs should look for information about how the union represents and supports its members on issues related to pay, conditions, and employment rights.

**2** **Professional development:** TAs should look for information about professional development opportunities and resources offered by the union.

**3** **Membership fees:** TAs should look for information about the cost of union membership and whether there are any discounts or concessions available.

**4** **Legal representation:** TAs should look for information about the union's legal representation services and how they can access them.

**5** **Benefits:** TAs should look for information about any additional benefits that the union offers, such as discounts on goods and services, insurance, and other perks.

[www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)

## **4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

**Here are 8 unions for you to research:**

**1**

**National Education Union (NEU)** - The NEU is one of the largest teaching unions in the UK and represents teaching assistants as well as teachers and other education professionals. It offers legal representation, professional development opportunities, and support for issues related to pay and working conditions.

**<https://neu.org.uk/>**

**2**

**University and College Union (UCU)** - The UCU represents teaching assistants and other education staff in further and higher education. It offers support for issues related to pay and working conditions, as well as professional development opportunities.

**<https://www.ucu.org.uk/>**

**[www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

## **4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

# **3**

**Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS)** - The PCS represents teaching assistants and other staff in the public sector, including those working in schools. It offers support for issues related to pay and working conditions, as well as legal representation.

**<https://www.pcs.org.uk/>**

# **4**

**Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL)** - The ASCL represents school and college leaders, but also offer associate membership to teaching assistants and other staff. It offers professional development opportunities, support for issues related to pay and working conditions, and resources and advice on leadership and management.

**<https://www.ascl.org.uk/>**

**[www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

## 4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!

# 5

**Unison** - Unison is one of the largest trade unions in the UK and represents teaching assistants and other staff in the public sector, including those working in schools. It offers support for issues related to pay and working conditions, legal representation, and a range of other benefits and services to its members.

<https://www.unison.org.uk/>

# 6

**GMB** - The GMB is a trade union that represents teaching assistants and other staff across different sectors, including education. It offers support on pay, conditions, legal representation and a range of other benefits and services.

<https://www.gmb.org.uk/>

[WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)

## **4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

# **7**

**NASUWT** - The NASUWT is a union that represents teaching assistants, teachers and other education staff. It offers support on pay and conditions, legal representation and professional development opportunities.

**<https://www.nasuwat.org.uk/>**

# **8**

**National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)** - The NAHT is a union that represents head teachers, but also offers associate membership to teaching assistants and other education staff. It offers support on pay and conditions, legal representation and professional development opportunities.

**<https://www.naht.org.uk/>**

**[www.taincontrol.com/join](http://www.taincontrol.com/join)**

**4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU  
AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

YOUR *NOTES* INSPIRED BY WHAT YOU'VE READ  
IN THIS **VALUABLE FREE RESOURCE**

**[WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

**4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU  
AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

YOUR *NOTES* INSPIRED BY WHAT YOU'VE READ  
IN THIS **VALUABLE FREE RESOURCE**

**[WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

**4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU  
AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

**YOUR <sup>TO</sup> DO'S** **INSPIRED BY WHAT YOU'VE READ  
IN THIS VALUABLE FREE RESOURCE**

1

---

---

2

---

---

3

---

---

4

---

---

5

---

---

---

**[WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

**4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU  
AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

**YOUR <sup>TO</sup> DO'S** **INSPIRED BY WHAT YOU'VE READ**  
**IN THIS VALUABLE FREE RESOURCE**

6

---

---

7

---

---

8

---

---

9

---

---

10

---

---

---

---

**[www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

## **4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

**Finally...membership of a union is not a magic wand but the following are potential results of not joining one:**

- **Limited representation: Without union representation, teaching assistants may have less support in negotiating and advocating for their rights and interests with their employer.**
- **Limited legal representation: Not being part of a union means not having access to legal representation in case of disputes or grievances with the employer.**
- **Lack of Job security: Without union representation, teaching assistants may not have the same level of protection against unfair dismissal or redundancy.**
- **Limited professional development opportunities: Without union representation, teaching assistants may not have access to professional development opportunities and resources.**
- **Limited Health and Safety representation: Without union representation, teaching assistants may not have the same level of support and resources to ensure their workplace is safe.**

**[WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**

# 4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!

I HOPE YOU HAVE FOUND THIS RESOURCE USEFUL. USE IT AS A WAY TO START RESEARCHING UNIONS IF THIS IS ALL NEW TO YOU, OR USE IT TO FIND OUT MORE IF YOU ARE THINKING OF CHANGING UNIONS.

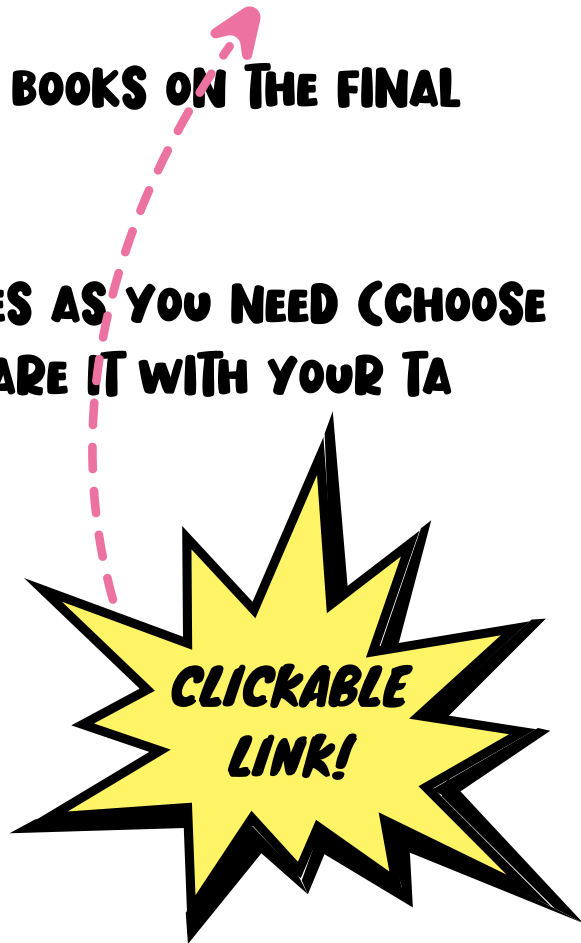
IF YOU THINK RESEARCHING A UNION IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD DO BUT SUSPECT YOU WON'T GET AROUND TO IT, PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY! YOU CAN SEE MY TA IN CONTROL DIARIES [HERE!](#)

THERE'S A LINK AND QR CODE TO ALL MY BOOKS ON THE FINAL PAGE OF THIS RESOURCE.

PRINT THIS RESOURCE OUT AS MANY TIMES AS YOU NEED (CHOOSE GREYSCALE TO SAVE YOUR INK) AND SHARE IT WITH YOUR TA COLLEAGUES!

THANK YOU!

*Lauren Riesner*



[www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://www.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)

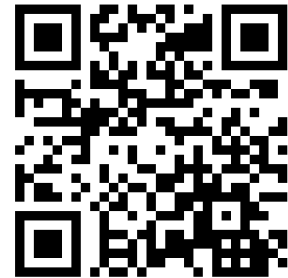
**4 SIMPLE WAYS TO RESEARCH WHICH UNION IS RIGHT FOR YOU  
AND 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU SIGN UP!**

# TA IN CONTROL RESOURCES

SUBSCRIBE TO MY TA IN CONTROL YOUTUBE CHANNEL WHERE YOU'LL FIND LOTS OF INFORMATIVE VIDEOS ON MANY ISSUES FOR TAs INCLUDING EAL, BEHAVIOUR, INTERVIEWS AND SO MUCH MORE! CLICK THIS LINK: [WWW.TAINCONTROL.TUBE](http://WWW.TAINCONTROL.TUBE) OR SCAN THIS QR CODE:



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT TA IN CONTROL CLICK: [WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN) OR OR SCAN THIS QR CODE:



TO FIND **TA IN CONTROL DIARIES** ALONG WITH ALL MY OTHER TA IN CONTROL BOOKS CLICK: [www.taincontrol.shop](http://www.taincontrol.shop) OR SCAN THIS QR CODE:



**WHEN YOU'RE A TA IN CONTROL, YOU'RE A TA WORKING  
AT YOUR MOST CONFIDENT BEST!**

**[WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN](http://WWW.TAINCONTROL.COM/JOIN)**