Gender & Trade Unions
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Achievements 2009–12

- Data gathering & case studies
  - 2011 – Conference paper
  - 2012 – Book chapter
  - 2011–12 – Case studies
  - 2012 – Gender & TU Database – pilot & conference paper
Work in Progress

- 10 Case studies – publishing?
  - 3 sector specific
    - Banking x 2, teaching
  - 4 country
    - Ghana, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, South Africa
  - 3 BAG
    - Canada, Philippines, Turkey

- Our own stories
  - Womens’ progression in trade union activism and leadership
Work in Progress – Issues Arising

- Difficulties in finding existing data broken down by gender – some examples
  - Gaps
    - Part-time/Full-time
    - Frequency
  - Accessibility
    - Single data controller
    - Multiple sources even in one country
  - Consistency – between and within countries
    - Definitions of trade union member
    - Roles and positions
## Database – what is it?

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<th>% Women Members</th>
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Database – How can it be useful?

- Trade union gender democracy
- Union renewal
Database as an alumni project

- How **YOU** alumni can make this into a powerful tool
  - Complete the surveys on an annual basis
  - Use it to argue for more gender equality
  - Give feedback

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