

CREDIBLE SOURCES

TOP 10 PLACES TO START

There are some organisations that have already done some of the legwork for you. These are good places to start if you are looking for credible sources of information but don't have a lot of time to browse around looking for what you want.

Here is a list of 10 organisations that are promoting or creating credible research, with quick links to the relevant sections on their websites. You may already have heard of some of them:

1. [Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\)](#) - the EEF Teaching and Learning Toolkit is an accessible summary of educational research, providing guidance for teachers and schools on how to use their resources effectively. The Toolkit assesses the impact of over 30 interventions, each summarised in terms of their average impact on attainment, the strength of the evidence supporting them and their cost. There is also further reading around each intervention if you are interested in reading the detail yourself.
2. [Centre for Use of Research and Evidence in Education \(CUREE\)](#) - CUREE's publications are consistently well-researched and reliable, and they have plenty of research available on their website. You can search their archives by topic (e.g. Classroom Practice, Leadership, Coaching) or by phrase. You can also join their free e-newsletter, to get updates by email.
3. [National Foundation for Education Research \(NFER\)](#) - the NFER's Research in Schools page has some very useful advice and materials for how schools can engage with research. They cater for all levels of engagement, from light-touch to advanced searches
4. [Evidence for Impact](#) - the E4I database allows you to search for intervention programmes by subject, key stage, practice or target group and view summaries and ratings of the evidence behind them. This enables you to make a well-informed judgement on the extent to which a programme's effectiveness is proven.
5. [Best Evidence in Brief](#) - a free fortnightly e-newsletter produced by the Institute for Effective Education at the University of York, and the Centre for Research and Reform in Education at Johns Hopkins University. Every two weeks they send a round-up of items of interest from the education news. What makes BEIB different is that they look at the evidence behind the headlines and turn this into practical information on what could work in schools.
6. [Evidence for the Frontline](#) - run by the Coalition for Evidence-based Education (CEBE), this is a brokering service currently piloting to match schools with evidence and resources that can help address their needs. Details on their service are listed on the website.
7. [ResearchEd](#) - if you'd rather chat than read, look out for upcoming ResearchEd conferences, which bring together teachers passionate about evidence-based teaching and an inspiring line-up of speakers. ResearchEd has plans to expand into a bigger charity this year; so watch this space to see how it grows
8. [Centre for Education Monitoring \(CEM\)](#) - connected to Durham University, CEM's database of publications goes back to 1981, and includes a range of topics from OFSTED to programme evaluation
9. [Centre for Education Research and Practice \(CERP\)](#) - run by AQA, CERP has an online research library which has information on lots of educational topics, but a particular focus on research into assessment and high stakes qualifications, such as GCSEs and A-levels.
10. [Best Evidence in Brief \(2\)](#) - from the IEE that brought you the newsletter (number 5) their blog page provides a popular keyword list for past blog posts that may be relevant to your research