

DW-RN Mission Statement

Around the world, domestic workers are organizing and lobbying to win rights, respect and recognition. The mission of the DW-RN is to support these efforts by promoting domestic worker rights in the academic and activist communities, strengthening domestic worker organizing efforts through organizing strategy and policy analysis, and meeting the research needs of domestic worker organizations through principled research, and broad publication and dissemination of results. Our main partner in this mission is the International Domestic Workers' Network (IDWN).

Goals and Objectives

1. Create and disseminate a body of literature and knowledge on domestic work and the organizing strategies of domestic workers
2. Document, compare and assess the organizing strategies of domestic workers
3. Collaborate with domestic worker organizations in developing a research agenda and make research accessible to domestic workers and their organizations



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Activities

- Coordinate research/researchers focusing on domestic work
- Commission research according to needs of domestic workers and research gaps
- Maintain a global map of researchers
- Collate existing research in a publicly accessible database
- Support domestic worker organizations in documenting their work
- Collaborate with domestic worker organizations to produce accessible research and educational material
- Disseminate research through journals, publications, newspaper editorials, etc.
- Hold conferences of researchers and representatives of IDWN and domestic workers' organizations

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[DW-RN] Domestic Worker Research Network



An international and interdisciplinary
network of researchers and activists
conducting research on domestic work in
close collaboration with domestic worker
organizations

DW-RN Principles

As a network that conducts research on domestic work in cooperation with domestic workers, the DW-RN aims to support their rights as well as gaining respect and recognition. We coordinate and conduct our research based on the following principles

1. Conducting meaningful, quality research that meets the needs of domestic worker organizing efforts
2. Remaining accountable to domestic workers by consulting representatives of the International Domestic Workers' Network (IDWN) and domestic workers' organizations
3. Presenting, publishing and disseminating research results to promote domestic workers' activities and rights
4. Making research results accessible to domestic workers and their organizations
5. Conducting research in a principled way that respects and supports the empowerment of domestic workers
6. Building a community of like-minded researchers in the field
7. Cultivating trusting, communicative relationships with researchers and representatives of IDWN and domestic workers' organizations.

Origination of the DW-RN

Around the world numerous researchers are involved in research on domestic work, frequently in collaboration with domestic workers and their organizations. These research efforts are barely connected. Therefore, researchers affiliated with the International Center for Development and Decent Work and the Global Labour University, the International Domestic Workers Network and other individuals have started the DW-RN initiative. Since 2009, three workshops have taken place. During these meetings, we established that we shared a commitment not only to researching domestic work, but also to the domestic workers' rights and collaboration with domestic workers and their organizations. On this basis, the DW-RN was constituted in December 2010 at a workshop hosted by the Dutch trade union FNV Bondgenoten, with a decision to officially launch the Domestic Worker Research Network at the International Labour Conference in June 2011.

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Join Us!

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