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PROGRAMME

13:00 Welcome – Marc Lintern

13:10 Set Scene – Dr Jovanna Radulovic

13.25 Keynote: What's next for the workplace

- 13.25 – Dr Bob Athwal, Skyscanner
- 13:50 – Rob Spiers, Stepnell
- 14:15 – Q&A

14:35 What support do students need – Fidelia Fidel-Turay

14:55 Break

15:05 Policy Landscape – Ben Cowdrey & Jonathan Scowen

15:25 How placements contribute to work readiness – Eliana Lee-Gibbons

15:55 Closing remarks and next steps – Marc Lintern

16:05 Conference close

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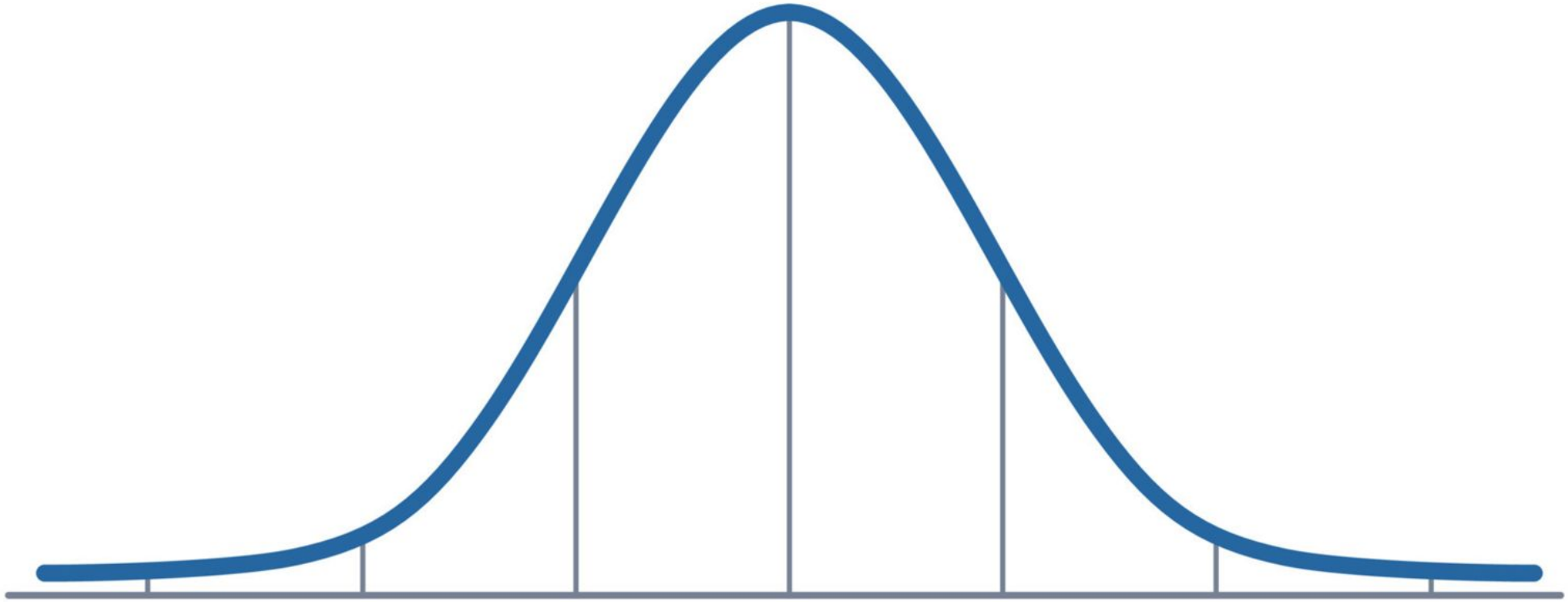
HOUSEKEEPING







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91%

Graduates in Work or Further Study*



64.4%

Graduates in Professional Level Jobs*



9%

Unemployed Graduates*

68.9% Agree that "My current acitivity fits with my future plans"*

47th In the 2025 Guardian League Table for Graduate Prospects

67th In the Complete University Guide Table for Graduate Prospects

£29,478 Average salary*

67th In The Times University rankings for Graduate Prospects

*Based on Graduate Outcomes data for 2023/24 leavers

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DR JOVANA RADULOVIC
Director of Education Strategy

PROFESSOR ANNE MURPHY
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education)





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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR BOB ATHWAL

Director of Culture and Belonging, Skyscanner



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ROB SPIERS

Director, Stepnell



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Q&A

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FIDELIA FIDEL-TURAY

UPSU - Opportunities Officer



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BREAK

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BEN COWDREY
Head of Policy

JONATHAN SCOWEN
Senior Public Policy Officer





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ELIANA LEE-GIBBONS

Placement Manager



REFLECTIONS & CLOSE

- Careers Weeks
  - TB1 – 19-23 October (University Careers Fair, 20 October)
  - TB2 – 8-12 March (Summer Opportunities Fair, 9 March)

- Entrepreneurial Collective
  - Thursday of each month, from 4-6pm @ Careers

- Headline events TB1
  - Work Experience Festival – 29 September
  - Careers and Placement Fair – 20 October







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REFLECTION AND CLOSE

Data – to help you

Pulse Insights - experience of graduates in the job market

Career Registration - where students feel they are, at the start of each year

Engagement - attendance at events placements, use of Careers and Employability, etc.

Placement numbers - optional placements

Graduate Outcome Data - what your graduates go on to do (15 months after graduating)

Course Survey - Contains Two Questions “I have received advice and guidance on job opportunities” and “I am aware of opportunities for work experience/work placements as part of my studies” with findings viewable at Faculty, School and Course Level.



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