Graduate Union
International Freshers’ Welcome Event

11 May 2017
Students’ Unions Lounge, 17 Mill Lane
Union soup

Graduate Union
- University-wide
- Representative body
- Graduates only
- You are a member!

CUSU
- University-wide
- Representative body
- All students
- You are a member!

MCR
- College-specific
- Representative body
- Graduates only
- You are a member!

The Union Society
- University-wide
- Debating society
- Paying members
- You are probably not a member…
Meaningful diagram
Grads are diverse

- Housing location
- Early/mid/late career
- Term of arrival
- Funding situation
- Cultural familiarity
- Exams vs. thesis/viva
- >300 CTF students
- Spouse/partner
- ~8% parents
- Lab-based vs. solo
- Lab-based
- Fieldwork?
- Non-academic commitments
- Uni member/visiting
- Relationship with supervisor
- Educational background
- Immigration status
- Disability
- Need for storage
- Access to transport
- 19% PGT
- 81% PGR
- ~56% male
- ~44% female
- ??% other
- 41% home
- 22% EU
- 37% overseas
- Drinking/non-drinking
- Carers/dependents
- Teaching responsibilities
- Early/mid/late career
Services & practicalities: Highlights

- Advice, support, representation
- Hard/soft binding of theses
- Gown rental and buying/selling
- Printing, copying, laminating
- Space to hire
- Lifestyle/exercise: e.g. yoga
- Activities for parents and children
- Trips: e.g. Stonehenge
- Year round events, as exemplified by Winter Vac activities
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