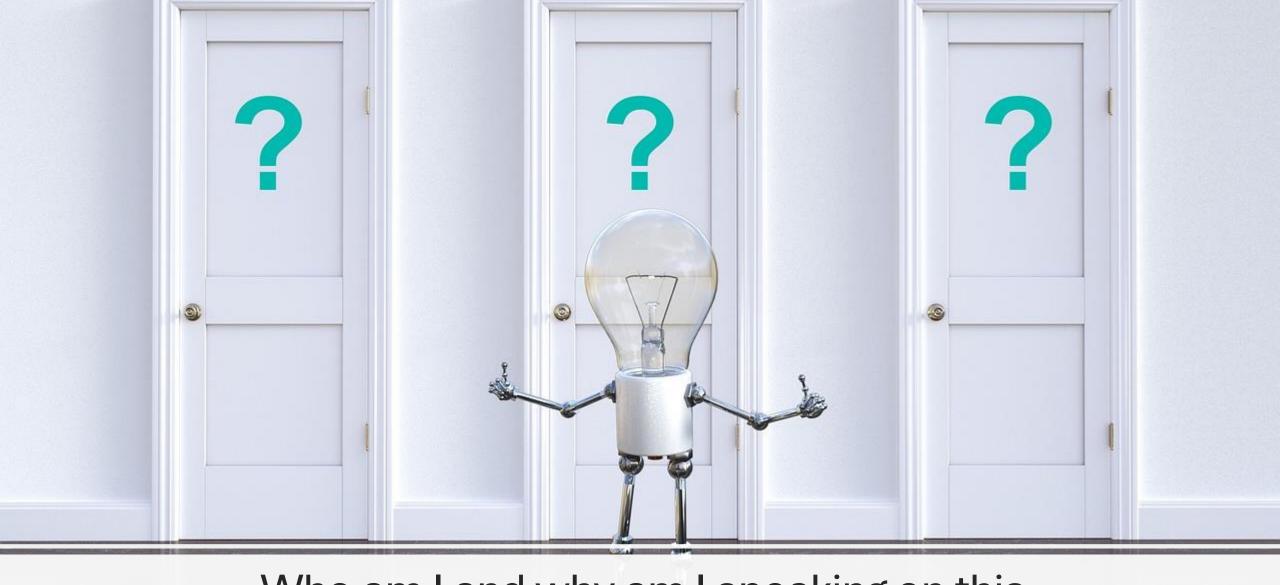
# Our profession in 2030: politics, people, and progress

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Who am I and why am I speaking on this

## The politics

# Declining university funding & rising costs



Tuition fees are stagnant and worth about 2/3 of their original value



International students can no longer bring their dependents with them



Competition for domestic students has increased



There are increased expectations for the kinds of support universities provide to students



Resources costs are escalating



Our budgets are scrutinised more heavily (though so are everyone else's!) and there's a pressure to cut costs

#### Changing political landscape?

### The people





Curiosity is key

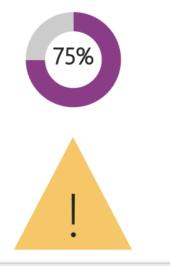
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#### CILIP workforce mapping, 2023



Women dominate the workforce-75% reported as female

Women under-represented in senior management-only 0.8% females earn 80k+, compared with 2.8% males



<5% of the workforce of nonwhite ethnicity

## Progress



The pace of digital change is getting faster



We're thinking differently about physical spaces



We need to go beyond our traditional boundaries



Thanks for listening! Any questions?