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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO UCL**Professor Pat O'Sullivan**

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I have the dubious honour to be the Head of the Bartlett at the moment and it is my job, on behalf of UCL and the Bartlett, to welcome you today... So welcome.

This is an important day for us at the Bartlett. It was space syntax that firstly established us as a research-led, and some of my colleagues say research driven or even research harassed, department. It was our space syntax masters programme under which a number of you suffered and developed - I think if I look closely I can still see the scars on one or two of your faces - that established us as an internationally reputable body that did professional postgraduate education. And it was space syntax research, which we can tell not least by the presence of Sir Norman here today, that established us as a body that could give coherent, useful and important advice to our professional and practising colleagues. To us, today represents space syntax and, some even say, Bill Hillier's coming of age. We are delighted and honoured to have you all here today and I hope you have a very positive time. To those of you in the academic world, may I just say that please will you make sure that every word you utter and every action you give is properly and independently assessed so that we can use it in whatever claims we are going to make at the next research selectivity exercise. Thank you very much indeed.

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