

PRESS RELEASE

5 October 2017

Numbers of grads in non-grad jobs still dismally high

The number of graduates in non-graduate jobs is still dismally high according to latest analysis of government figures by the Intergenerational Foundation (www.if.org.uk).

The report, entitled, *“Tall Tales: Graduate prospects in the UK labour market”*, reveals that over the five year period during which tuition fees were tripled – between 2011 and 2016 – the number of graduates in non-graduate jobs has remained stubbornly high at 46.4%. While non-recent graduates – those who graduated over five years ago – are doing better, still over 35% are working in non-graduate jobs.

Ashley Seager, IF Co-founder comments, “The government has regularly justified higher fees on the basis of an average lifetime graduate premium, but as these figures demonstrate, recent graduates are seeing no such income uplift.

“We hope that the recently announced government review of university funding will challenge the university sector over sky high fee levels and demand fee reductions for those courses where no graduate premium can be demonstrated.”

- ends -

Notes to Editors

Figures are based on the Office of National Statistics (ONS) [figures](#).

Interviews with Ashley Seager are available.

For all media enquires please contact:

Liz Emerson on mobile: 07971 228823 liz@if.org.uk