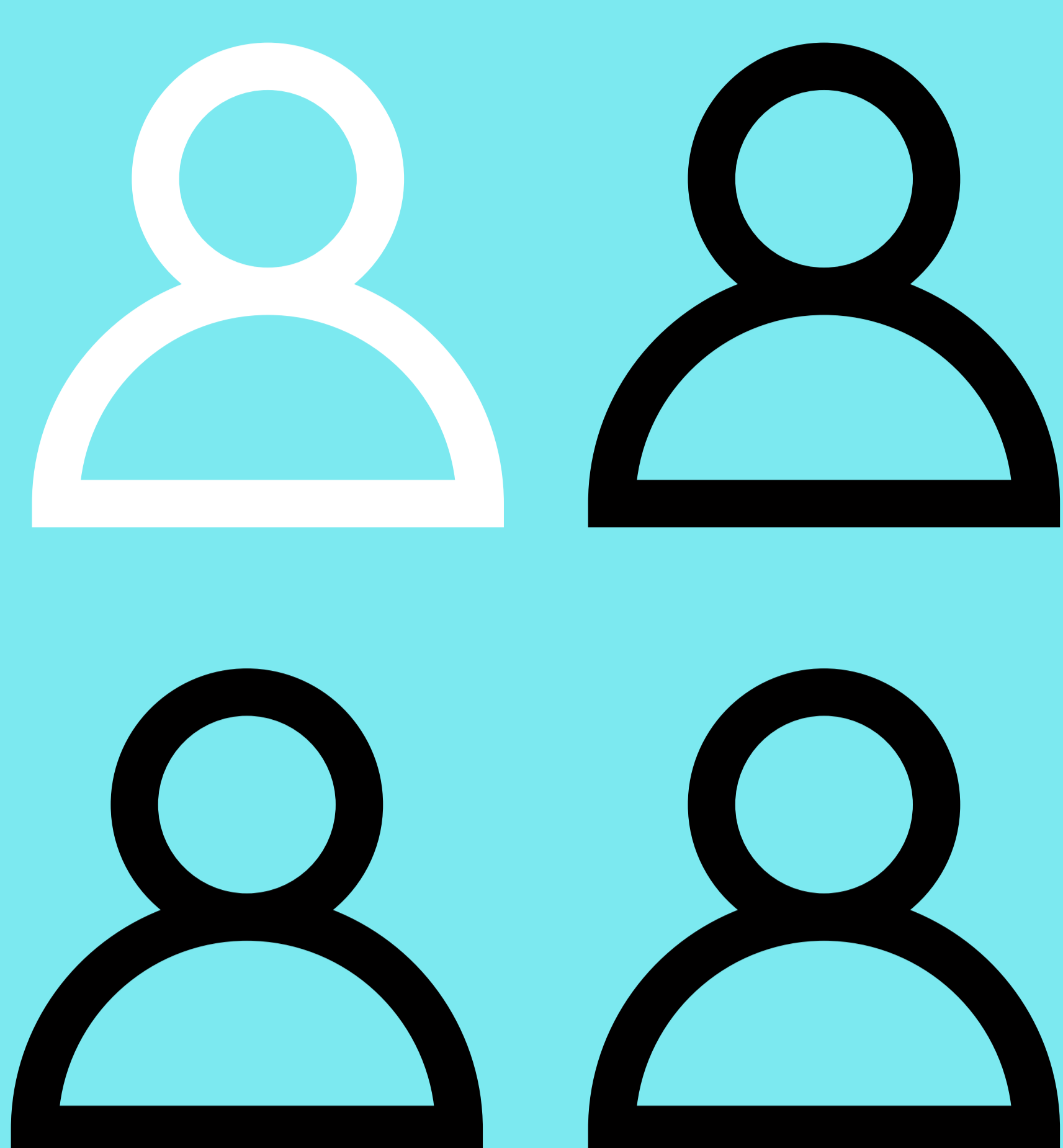


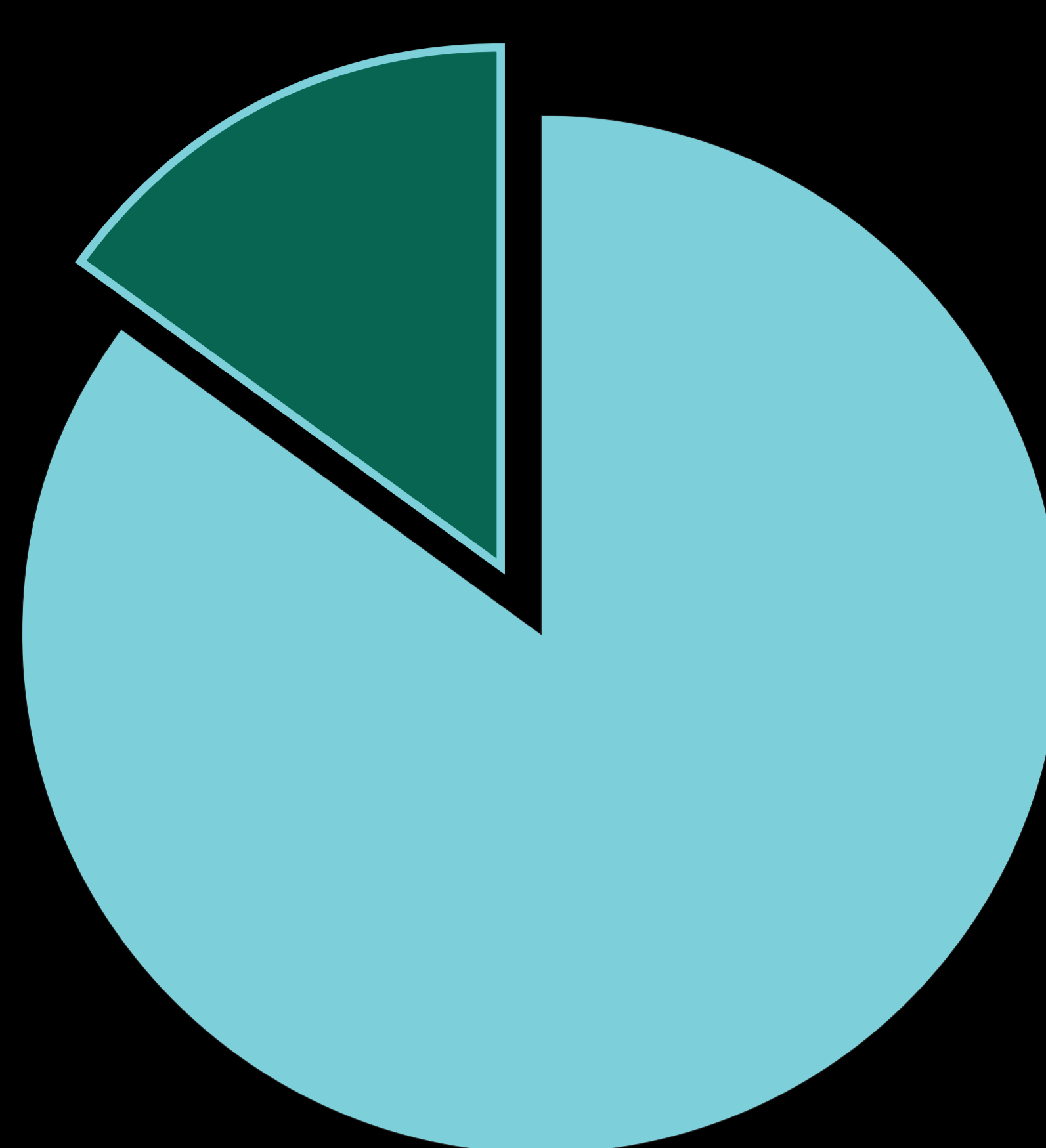
Opportunity

Learn more about how Alliance universities widen access to university and support graduate success.



Almost 1 in 4 students

at Alliance universities were eligible for **free school meals**, compared to an average of 1 in 6 for all universities in England.



85%

of graduates from Alliance universities **were in work they described as meaningful** just 15 months after graduating (equal to the most selective universities).

How do we do it?

Professional and technical universities work closely with local schools to improve outcomes and access to higher education. Their teaching, assessment and student support are all designed to help students succeed whatever their background. Innovative assessment methods are grounded in the latest inclusive assessment research (an area where Alliance universities are sector leaders), timetables are designed to support students who need to work part time and financial, academic, wellbeing and careers support are easy to access.



INNOVATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION MODELS IN SCARBOROUGH:

Delivering career-focused courses designed with employers, CU Scarborough offers an innovative, flexible model that fits around students' lives in an area identified as a cold spot for higher education. Studying in six blocks per year with flexible start dates, students follow a regular timetable that leaves plenty of time for work or other responsibilities and earn a qualification each year. CU Scarborough is vital to the health and care sector in the region and empowers students to be capable, competent and confident.

HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS IN HERTFORDSHIRE:

The Hertfordshire Higher Education Consortium is a partnership between the University of Hertfordshire and four colleges. It has been working collaboratively for over 20 years to provide a range of Extended Degrees and Foundation Degrees, which support students with the skills they need to progress onto full degree programmes. All students studying at partner colleges are offered university accommodation and have full access to both the college and university facilities, academic support and extra-curricular offer.



TAILORED SUPPORT IN BIRMINGHAM:

Working with Barnardo's, Liminal Education and Our Place Support, Birmingham City University (BCU) has recently received funding for a new project to support young people who are furthest away from attending further or higher education. The project will collect information from each young person around education, wellbeing, and family support. This will be used to create an individual plan for each young person, including family support, tutoring and mentoring from BCU students and graduates.

LIFETIME EMPLOYABILITY SUPPORT IN WEST LONDON:

Lifetime careers support is central at the University of West London (UWL). The Placement and Employment Service assists students from enrolment to post-graduation, offering a huge range of job opportunities through its jobs database, on-campus recruitment agency, careers fairs, LinkedIn Learning, and employer events. Graduates are contacted six months after finishing their course about Careers Lifetime Support. Those still seeking job opportunities after a year can join the graduate internship scheme, gaining real-world experience at UWL or with local SMEs.



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