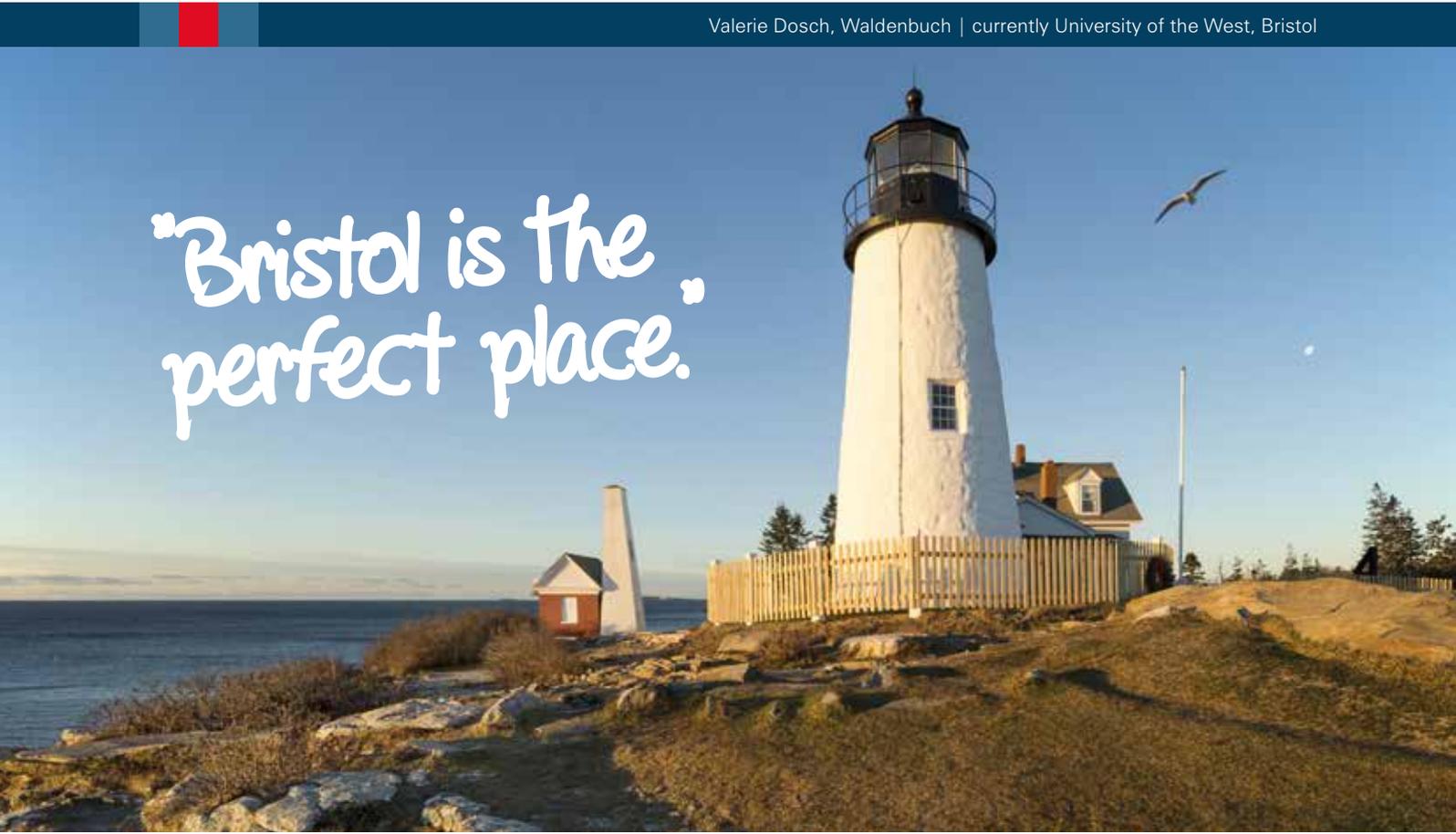


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CONQUERING THE SKY TOGETHER

For those interested in aerospace, Bristol is the perfect place to be. Domestic companies in the area include Airbus, Rolls-Royce and BAE Systems. The University of the West of England networks with these and many other companies, which contributes to make its Aerospace Engineering course one of the best in the country.

The city of Bristol has been a wealthy trading port since the Roman Era. It played an important role in England's maritime trade in tobacco, wine, cotton and slaves, in emigration to America, and it sheltered some historical figures like Blackbeard and Sir Humphry Davy.

The Bristol I am still getting to know is a buzzing, multicultural city of more than 400,000. There are plenty of amazing historic sites, as well as modern places. Besides its academic life, the city is known for its music and street art, which are proudly displayed on the streets, in pubs and clubs, and at daily events. The city lives from the commitment of its inhabitants to create a diverse and open-minded cityscape that includes a lot of different events. For example, while staying here I naturally had to try the local cuisine, and when would have been a better time for that than during the autumn Cider Festival.

As for lectures, the general style encourages a practical approach to solving problems. We have enjoyed a number of guest speakers, who gave us precious insights into the world of work. One of my favourite places is the library, because of its work spaces and great selection

of technical literature. I have also met people from all over the world. Everyone has their own way of creative thinking, and we can learn a great deal from each other. While enjoying a walk through one of the city's parks or watching the river change with the tides, we exchange stories about our worlds. I love to hear about different countries and cultures. In fact, these stories are among my most precious memories.



The university's student union offers a large variety of activities. From sports and societies to volunteer opportunities, there is something for everybody. I have also enjoyed my work as a STEM ambassador, introducing scientific and technical careers to secondary school students – and improving my reflexes during kickboxing practice.

Studying in Bristol has been an exciting and great time so far, both in terms of academics and personal experiences. I would like to thank everyone involved in the decision to grant me this support and to everyone who has so generously sponsored it, especially British Airways.