

## Why public debate matters

Back in 1997, LJMU launched a public lecture series to give the people of Liverpool the chance to debate topics of public interest. Two decades later, the Roscoe Lecture Series is now one of the most successful in the UK, regularly attracting audiences of over 800 people to each debate.

The strength of the Lecture Series lies in the diversity of its speakers — tonight's Lecture marks the 150th in the Series. Lectures have been delivered by heads of state, politicians, authors, broadcasters, scientists and many more leading figures. What unites them all is that they don't shy away from asking the big questions, from challenging audiences to think again about the society in which they live, and the role they play in it.

Thank you for showing your support for the Roscoe Lectures and for helping foster informed debate, intellectual inquiry and free speech in Liverpool: concepts that are fundamental to LJMU's work as a modern civic university.

Professor Sir **Jon** Murphy QPM DL LLB (Hons) is Chair of the Roscoe Lecture Series and Professor of Advanced Policing Studies at LJMU.

## ABOUT TODAY'S SPEAKER:

# Dame Lorna EF Muirhead DCVO DBE

**Theme:** *A Tale of Two Lives - Midwife to Lord Lieutenant*



This evening, on her 75th birthday and her very last engagement as Lord-Lieutenant, Dame Lorna will give you a fascinating insight of her journey of being a midwife to that of the personal representative of the Sovereign on Merseyside.

In fact, she encourages you to sit back for a little time and see life through rose coloured spectacles.

Dame Lorna came to Liverpool in 1965 and worked as a midwife for 40 years spending most of her time at the Liverpool Maternity Hospital and the Liverpool Women's Hospital. Her passion was the care of labouring women and during this time, she delivered many Liverpool babies sharing many joys with their families.

The **Q&A session** after each Lecture is managed by LJMU Honorary Fellow and radio broadcaster **Roger Phillips**