



william roscoe: a man of vision

LJMU is proud to maintain links with its founding father, William Roscoe, through the work of its Foundation for Citizenship

William Roscoe (1753-1831) was the son of a publican who transformed the cultural life of Liverpool. Described as 'Liverpool's greatest citizen', he was a champion of freedom for all, a poet, writer, scholar, patron of the arts, bibliophile and botanist.

As MP for Liverpool, Roscoe showed great courage when he campaigned for the abolition of slavery. Despite violent protests across the city, Roscoe stood firm with other abolitionists, such as William Wilberforce. The abolitionists succeeded and a Parliamentary Bill to abolish the slave trade in the British Empire was passed in 1807. Sadly, Roscoe did not live to see the abolition of slavery itself in 1833 nor the actual release of slaves across the Empire five years later in 1838.

Roscoe played a key role in 'Renaissance Liverpool' during the early 19th century. Some commentators even called him the 'founder of Liverpool culture', which, as evidenced by the city's status as 2008 European Capital of Culture, is still thriving and evolving today. He founded Liverpool's first botanic gardens and Liverpool's Walker Gallery still has an impressive collection of his paintings. He also helped establish the city's Athenaeum Club.

Education was close to his heart and in 1825 he played an instrumental role in the establishment of the Liverpool Mechanics' School of Arts, the precursor of LJMU. His mission to extend the benefits of education to all remains at the heart of LJMU's operations today and the University is proud to maintain links with its founding father through the work of its Foundation for Citizenship.

"William Roscoe was an admirable man who holds a well deserved place in history for his work advocating the abolition of slavery. The Roscoe Lecture Series is a fine legacy that commemorates his important role and serves as a good vehicle to promote active citizenship in today's society."

Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States

the big debate

LJMU is to host a full and frank debate on the burning issue of whether Liverpool should have its own elected mayor

For: Liam Fogarty Against: Councillor Paul Clein

Friday 24 November 2006

To ensure active audience participation, places will be limited. So, if you would like to voice your opinions on this important issue, please contact Barbara Mace on

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an elected
mayor?

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The Roscoe Lectures and Citizenship Awards are only possible through generous donations and philanthropic support.

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10th Anniversary Roscoe Lecture Series

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a decade of debate

Over the last decade Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) has invited some of the country's leading commentators to join the people of Liverpool in discussing the issues that really matter to them.

With speakers ranging from His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Mary McAleese, the President of Ireland, and Ken Dodd to Sir Patrick Moore, these public lectures have used humour, cutting edge research and political insight to explore what it means to be a good citizen in today's society.

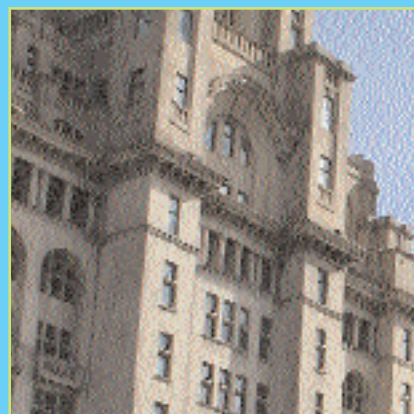
To mark the 10th anniversary of the Roscoe Lectures, LJMU has devised an exciting programme of talks for 2006-2007. The range of topics under discussion reflects the University's vision that it can make a bold and inspiring contribution to the Liverpool of tomorrow by encouraging vigorous and informed public debate.

LJMU's ethos can be summed up in three words: 'Dream Plan Achieve'. No one embodies this more than one of Liverpool's greatest citizens, William Roscoe, the namesake of our popular lecture series.

Roscoe helped transform 19th century society by campaigning against the evils of slavery. More than 200 years after his death, democratic life in the UK is again undergoing radical changes and it's more vital than ever to give a platform to a plurality of voices and opinions.

Through the Roscoe Lectures, LJMU is able to do just that, giving people from different walks of life the opportunity to exchange ideas, forge connections and hopefully gain greater understanding in a time of increasing diversity and change.

We look forward to welcoming you to the
10th Anniversary Roscoe Lecture Series



the 10th anniversary

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This year's 10th Anniversary Roscoe Lecture Series will explore four key themes:

- The Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade
- The 800th Anniversary of Liverpool Receiving its Royal Charter
- Exploring our Universe
- Citizenship in the 21st century

You can choose to attend some or all of these lectures depending on your own particular interests. **All lectures are free but entrance is by ticket only.** To reserve your tickets, please contact Barbara Mace on 0151 231 3852, or email b.mace@ljmu.ac.uk

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the foundation for citizenship...

...was established in June 1997 thanks to Professor E Rex Makin and the generous endowment of the May Makin Chair in Citizenship, currently held by Professor the Lord Alton of Liverpool. The Roscoe Lecture Series is integral to the work of the Foundation, which strives to promote the development of 'ethical' students and an 'ethos' of citizenship in the wider community.

"I applaud Liverpool John Moores University's decision to focus its series of public lectures on the issue of citizenship."

Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations

Series theme	Date	Speaker	Title	Biography	Venue
Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade	Monday 18 September 2006	A leading female human rights QC with local connections	Human Rights and the Protection of the Citizen	Leading human rights lawyer and former Chancellor of Liverpool John Moores University	Philharmonic Hall
Exploring our Universe	Wednesday 11 October 2006	Professor Mike Bode	Is Mankind's Future in Space?	Liverpool John Moores University's Professor of Astrophysics	Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade	Friday 27 October 2006	George Alagiah	Multiculturalism	BBC News Presenter and Patron of Fairtrade	Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
800th anniversary of Liverpool's Royal Charter	Tuesday 14 November 2006	The Very Rev Nicholas Frayling	The History of Liverpool	Dean of Chichester Cathedral and former Rector of Liverpool	Venue to be confirmed
Bicentenary of the abolition of the slave trade	Wednesday 17 January 2007	Trevor Phillips	Understanding the Lessons of the Killing of Anthony Walker	Chief Executive of the Commission for Racial Equality	Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
Exploring our Universe	Thursday 8 February 2007	Professor John Barrow	Our Place in the Universe	Professor of Mathematics, Cambridge University; Winner of The Templeton Prize 2006	St George's Hall
The 800th anniversary of Liverpool's Royal Charter	Wednesday 28 February 2007	Lord Goldsmith QC	How Law Holds Together a Civil Society	Her Majesty's Attorney General and Chief Legal Adviser to the Government	St George's Hall
Citizenship in the 21st century	Monday 12 March 2007	Esther Rantzen	Protecting Vulnerable Children from Exploitation and Abuse	Broadcaster and children's rights campaigner	St George's Hall
Citizenship in the 21st century	Thursday 22 March 2007	Peter Sutherland KCMG	Citizenship, Globalisation, Free Trade and Fair Trade: the Role of the Multi-Nationals	Chairman of BP, one of the world's largest energy companies	Venue to be confirmed
Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade	Wednesday 3 October 2007	Paul Robeson Jnr	My father and Pioneering the Civil Rights Agenda in the US	Civil rights activist and the only child of the legendary Paul Robeson, actor, singer, scholar, and activist	St George's Hall
Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade	Date to be confirmed, 2007	Professor Adam Hochschild	History of the Slave Trade	Lecturer in the University of California, Berkeley and author of 'Bury the Chains'	Venue to be confirmed