

The Honorary Graduand: Louise Mitchell CBE

Louise Mitchell CBE is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Arts.

Louise Mitchell CBE is the Chief Executive of Bristol Music Trust, the charity set up to manage Bristol Beacon: the music charity, renowned venue and award-winning music education hub, and take a regional overview of music promotion. Louise oversaw the £132m transformation of Bristol Beacon, the largest arts capital programme in the South West, which opened in November 2023. She is also Chair of National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain, a member of Arts Council England's South West Area Council, a trustee of Impact Scotland, the Paraorchestra and a Council member of the Royal Philharmonic Society.

Previously, Louise was the Director of the Glasgow UNESCO City of Music and Glasgow Concert Halls, as well as Concerts Director for the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Assistant Director of the Edinburgh International Festival. A modern languages graduate, her first professional assignment was as a French interpreter in Provence for a Pipe Band from Hawick in the Scottish borders.

She has lived and worked in Bristol since 2011 when Bristol Music Trust was formed.