

TRUSTEE BIOGRAPHIES

Ian Bracken - Principal Cello, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Suffolk born Ian joined the RLPO as principal cello (No.3) in 1992 after five years of study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (GSMD) in London.

During his time in Liverpool, he has been an active participant in the orchestra's outreach and education programmes including In Harmony, Merseycare, LPYO, Tuning into Children and as a mentor on the Emerging Musicians Fellowship. He has also coached and adjudicated at both GSMD and the RNCM in Manchester.

He has also appeared on numerous pop recordings and worked with other orchestras including Royal Northern Sinfonia, Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra and most recently as guest principal with CBSO.

Away from music Ian enjoys the outdoors and has a keen interest in cooking and wine and has recently attained his level one certificate from the Wine and Spirits Education Trust.

He is married to fellow RLPO cellist Hilary Browning and together they have two sons.

Kirsty McLean – Executive Director for Public Service Innovation and Partnerships, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

Kirsty McLean is Executive Director for Public Service Innovation and Partnerships at Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, where she leads public service transformation, international relations, major events, culture, sport and the city region's devolution agenda. She previously served as Executive Director of Policy, Strategy and Government Relations and has held senior leadership roles in central government, including responsibility for local growth, devolution and the Northern Powerhouse programme.