

BARONESS HELEN NEWLOVE

TRUST MEMBER















Lady Newlove is the Pro Vice-Chancellor of University of Bolton. Her portfolio is widening and participation, where she provides strategic leadership as well as an ambassador for the University's rich, diverse education for their vibrant community of staff and students. Baroness Newlove also sits in the House of Lords as an active Conservative Peer and Deputy Speaker.

In August 2007, Helen Newlove became a crime victim, when her husband Garry, was fatally attacked by a gang on the family's doorstep. The murder shocked the nation and hit the headlines for months.

Baroness Newlove was given a peerage by the Rt Hon. David Cameron in 2010 and appointed Government Champion for Active, Safer Communities working alongside Teresa May as Home Secretary. Best-known for her role as Victims' Commissioner (VC) for England and Wales from 2012-2019, Baroness Newlove championed the interests of crime victims and witnesses; campaigning tirelessly to help crime victims and encouraging good practice in their treatment. She travelled the country, meeting crime victims and listening to their experiences. She lobbied Government Ministers, heads of the Criminal Justice agencies, Chief Constables, Police and Crime Commissioners and victim organisations. She published key reviews that shone a light on pockets of the criminal justice system, including victim complaints, criminal injuries compensation, anti-social behaviour and the victim personal statement, always scrutinising the needs of vulnerable victims and urging better treatment for them. Victims and crime are both causes close to her heart. Shortly after stepping down as Victims' Commissioner, Baroness Newlove was invited by the United Nations Victim Advocate Jane Connor to work alongside other likeminded colleagues within the international fields for victims/survivors.