



Reach Society

Building Connections

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Patrons: Lord Herman Ouseley, Professor Trevor Williams and Mr John Budu-Aggrey Newsletter Issue: 003



Welcome: Dear Friends and Supporters, Happy New Year! Here is our newsletter which highlights some of our activities in the last few months of 2014. Please pass it on.

About Reach Society: Founded by a group of Black professional men in 2010. Our core purpose is to *encourage, motivate and inspire our boys and young men* to own the development of their potential and make viable transitions into adult life. Our Role Models regularly visit Schools,



colleges, universities and youth centres around the country. The picture above shows a group of young boys receiving one of our certificates after completing a series of workshops at the YouthPoint Centre for Young People, Watford. If you would like to be a Role Model, please contact Mr Tony Tiyou: tonytiyou@hotmail.com.

Black History Month: Meet the authors of Reach Society's book 'Our Story, By Us, For Us':



Following the publication of a children's edition of our successful book about the history of British people of African Caribbean origin community one of the authors Paula Neil was invited to talk to pupils at Raynham Primary School. The pupils reviewed the book for the Guardian Children's Book Club and their interview was sent for publication in their children's book review section. We would like to thank the pupils and their Head Teacher Ms Marva Rollins for the invitation. If you would like to order either book, visit the Society's website:

www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=Shop

Launch of Report on Black Mental Health Patients and Access to Cancer Screening:

Dr Frank Chinegwundoh MBE, a member of our Management Team along with Matilda MacAttram director of Black Mental Health UK have published a new study on access to cancer screening for people from the capital's black community living with a diagnosis of mental illness, which shows that engaging with the black voluntary sector is essential for improving outcomes for this patient group. To obtain a copy of this report visit: www.blackmentalhealth.org.uk



Reach Society's Fund Raising/ Recognition Award Dinner: In October, we held our annual event at the Charing Cross Hotel to honour our men and women who reached back to help our young people. We had full capacity with 120 people in attendance and a good time was had by all. On the night we announced our third Patron Mr John Budu-Aggrey. View

pictures and our report on our website. A Voice Newspaper report of our event can be viewed here: <http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/high-flying-professionals-have-duty-open-doors-young>



Mr John Budu-Aggrey (third from right) with some of the honourees

Reach Society announced first recipient of our Index of Cultural Esteem (ICE) Books Readers Award:



Sponsored by Alpha BSE, we have published a list of book titles, on our website-termed ICE books-designed to raise awareness of contributors from African and Caribbean origins. Our **ICE Books Readers' Award** is given to someone that has read some of these books and describing how this has impacted on their self-development. This year's recipient is Daniel Stone (pictured left with our Chair Dr Dwain Neil). To be considered

for an **ICE Books Readers' Award** contact us at:

info@reachsociety.com giving your name, a contact telephone number and the names of the ICE books you have read.

UCFB Reach Society Scholarship: There is still time to apply for this Scholarship which covers the full tuition fees for 3 years of study, £27,000! at the University Degree Courses of Football Business (UCFB) Wembley to study courses in sport associated with business, marketing, finance, media or psychology, law etc: www.ucfb.com/campus-locations/ucfb-wembley. For more info go to: www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=Scholarship The Scholarships are available for 2 Black students, one male and one female.



FUTURE EVENT: Reach Society's Careers Conference 2015! We are pleased to announce that our next Annual FREE Careers Conference will take place on **April 9th 2015** at **Westminster Central Hall**. This

will again feature a cohort of Black professionals from varied careers, the perfect 10 workshops including CV writing, improving your exam results and interview skills. To register contact us at: info@reachsociety.com. See our website for pictures and report of the 2014 conference.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued help and support, and wish you all the best for 2015.