



# Reach Society

Building Connections

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**Welcome:** Dear Friends/Supporters, Here's our newsletter which highlights some of our activities over the last months of 2017.

**About Reach Society:** Founded by a group of professional Black 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. The picture shows one of our role models Mr

Ritchie Neil 'inspiring' at our Annual Careers Conference which took place at Royal National Hotel, London. Visit the Society's website to view our report and photos:

[http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=newsitem&displaynewsitem\\_id=33](http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=newsitem&displaynewsitem_id=33)



**Celebrating 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Black History Month:** October 2017 represented 30 years of highlighting the contribution that black people have made in Britain and delighted that one of our Patron Lord Herman Ouseley was featured on the front cover. To view this issue visit the website: <http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk>



**Reach Society in the Community:** Over the past months our role models have visited, schools, colleges, universities, youth centres, community and private sector organisations, being panel members and seminar speakers. The pictures below reflect our diverse activities. If you would like to be a role model please contact Mr Tony Tiyou: [tonytiyou@hotmail.com](mailto:tonytiyou@hotmail.com)



Left Professor Frank Chingewundoh MBE with pupils at Marlborough Primary School. Right: Dr Donald Palmer engaging in an assembly with pupils at Houndsfield Primary School (for more on this story visit: <http://houndsfield.school/visit-scientist-dr-palmer/>).



**Co-Founder of Reach Society recognized in New Year's Honours List:** We would like to congratulate **Mr Rob Neil**, Head of Project Race at the Ministry of Justice, who received an **OBE** for his tremendous work in the black community. Well done Rob, we are extremely proud of you!

**Reach Society's Recognition Award /Fundraising Dinner & Queens Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) Celebration:** In Oct 2017, more than 220 guests attended our Annual event which also included the Society becoming a recipient of the national honour, The QAVS, which is also known as the MBE for volunteer groups. It was won last June. Visit the Society's website to view our report and photos:

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Left: Rio Reveira, recipient of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grace Food & Reach Society Scholarship at Brunel University, with Don Webby (Group Chairman of Grace Foods and Adam Reader MD, Grace Foods, UK). Right: Guest having a good time.

**Celebrating 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Windrush:** In 2018 Reach Society will be celebrating the 70th year, the platinum anniversary, of the modern Black community (MBC) in the UK, which began with the arrival of the 492 Windrush pioneers in



TL: Prof Dame Elizabeth Anionwu CBE, FQNI, FRCN; TR: Sir David Adjaye; BL: Dr Nira Chamberlain FIMA, BR: Lewis Hamilton MBE.

1948. We will be hosting a series of events throughout the year. Visit our website for update In this regard, we are honouring 4 extraordinary British people for their huge contributions to nursing, architecture, mathematics and Formula 1 racing. See our website for their profiles: [http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=newsitem&displaynewsitem\\_id=39](http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=newsitem&displaynewsitem_id=39)

**FUTURE EVENT: Society's 7<sup>th</sup> Careers Conference 2018!**



We are pleased to announce that our next Annual **FREE** Careers conference will take place on **April 4<sup>th</sup>** at **Royal National Hotel**, London. This will again feature a cohort of black professionals from various careers, together with workshops associated with empowerment; exhibitors from many sectors and universities. See our website for more details. **To register send your name to:** [info@reachsociety.com](mailto:info@reachsociety.com)

*We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued help and support.*