



Reach Society

Building Connections

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Welcome: Dear Friends/Supporters, Here's our newsletter which highlights some of our activities over the couple of months of 2018.

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 'inspiring' at our annual Careers Conference which took place at Royal National Hotel, London.

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. In February, Reach Society ran an Employability Day at City & Islington College which involved workshops and a panel discussion. Over 350 students attended, with many finding this event highly rewarding. If you would like to be a role model please contact Tony Tiyou: tonytiyou@hotmail.com



Left: role models Ezra Ben-Yisrael and Jean Mbadi. Right: role models engaging during the lunch break at CANDI.

Lifetime achievement Award from Nigerian British Awards 2017: We would like to congratulate Management Team member **Professor Frank Chingwundoh MBE** Consultant Urological Surgeon, who recently received this recognition for his pioneering and dedicated work in the health profession, together with his tremendous work within the black community. Well done Frank, we are extremely proud of you.



Reach Society's Network Conversation: On the last Friday of every month (with the exception of August and December) professional Black men meet to discuss issues that affect our community; with the aim of finding solutions and building amity. Topics have included: Prof Iyiola Solanke discussing the history of the Race Relation Acts, David Mullings talking about his organisation Father Figure, Dame Prof Elizabeth Anionwu discussing her new book. These conversations are open to any professional and take place at various venues. For more info visit our website or contact Dr Donald Palmer: db_palmer@yahoo.co.uk

Celebrating 70th 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 1948. We will be hosting a series of events throughout the year and in January the network conversation, at the Black Cultural Archives, was led by **Mr Arthur Torrington CBE**, Co-founder of **Windrush Foundation** with contribution from WWII Veteran Allan Wilmot. Pictures below show participants at this launch event, in the 2018 series.



Our next network conversation will centre on the criminal justice system. Here we take a look at some of the key Black contributors to the Police Service: **Norwell Roberts** (Pic TL) Britain's first black policeman in the Metropolitan Police, joined in 1967 and retired in 1997 as a Detective Sergeant in the CID. **Superintendent Leroy Logan** (Pic TR) successfully delivered on the security of the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Retired after giving 30 years of service. **Commander Michael Fuller, QPM** (Pic BL) is a former Chief Constable of Kent Police. He was the first Black chief constable in the UK. **Chief Superintendent Victor Olisa, QPM** (Pic BR), retired in October 2017, after a distinguished career as Britain's first Borough Commander.



FUTURE EVENT: Reach Society's 7th Careers Conference 2018! We are pleased to announce that our next Annual **FREE** Careers conference will take place on **4th April** at **Royal National Hotel**, London. This will again feature a cohort of black professionals from various careers, together with themed workshops about the secrets of success, and many exhibitors and top universities. See our website for more details. **To register send your name to: info@reachsociety.com** We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued help and support.

