



# Reach Society

Building Connections

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Patrons: Lord Herman Ouseley, Prof Trevor Williams, Mr John Budu-Aggrey, Prof Sir Geoff Palmer & Mrs Marva Rollins OBE Newsletter: 014

**Welcome:** Dear Friends/Supporters, Here's our newsletter which highlights some of our focused activities. Your contributions in discussions and engagement in some of our events is truly appreciated; we could not have done so much without your support.

**About Reach Society:** *Inspiring Young People for 10 years:* Founded by a group of professional Black men in 2010. Our core purpose is *to encourage, motivate and inspire our young people* to development of their potential. The picture shows one of our Role Models 'inspiring' at our Annual Careers Conference which took place at Royal National Hotel, London.



**The 10th Year Celebration:** Reach Society has entered its 10<sup>th</sup> year and will be celebrating this milestone by honouring four major contributors by showcasing their biographies on our website: Baroness Valerie Amos CH PC, Dr Beverly Lindsay OBE, David Waboso CBE and Lord Simon Woolley Kt. To view images and profiles visit: <https://www.reachsociety.com/>



**Welcome to our new Patron:** We are pleased to announce **Mrs Marva Rollins OBE** as our new Patron. A former Head Teacher for over 25 years. She has received numerous awards, recognising her contribution to education and the community. In 2009 Marva was named by the Evening Standard as one of the 1000 most influential people in London, and in 2011 featured in the Metro's top 50 Black Heroes.



England and Wales. To find out more details about these opportunities visit: <https://bit.ly/2vwwzyY> Durham University have 3 day residential for Y12 Black students entitled STEP. Click here for more details: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/step/>



**Reach Society is branching out of London:** This year we will be collaborating with a number of community groups to deliver FREE Inspirational Employability Days: Leicester on May 27 <https://bit.ly/36HwFRt> Luton on May 28 <https://bit.ly/2OcrADS> and Birmingham on April 16 <https://bit.ly/2Uansyh>

**Congratulations:** Our Chair Dr Dwain Neil received an OBE for "services to the British African Caribbean community".



While one of the founders; Dr Donald Palmer was the recipient of the Norman Manley Local Hero Award at the Association of Jamaican Nationals ...well done to both of you.

**Reach Society's Recognition Award /Fundraising Dinner:** In October, we held our annual event at the Kensington Close Hotel to honour our men and women who reached back to help our young people. We had full capacity with approx. 200 people in attendance and a good time was had by all. View our pictures and report on our website: <https://bit.ly/3aSv66x>



Scholarship at Brunel University, with Brian Mitchell (Chief Operations Office of Grace Foods UK) R: Guest having a good time.

L: Alex King, recipient of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Food & Reach Society

**FUTURE EVENT: Reach Society's Careers Conference**



**2020!** We are pleased to announce that our next Annual FREE Careers conference will take place on **April 7<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 and exhibitors from various sectors and universities. See our website for more details. **You can register here:** <https://bit.ly/3183bLn>

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

**Reach Society in the Community:** Over the past months our Role Models have visited, Schools, Colleges, Universities, Youth Centre's, Community and Private Sector organisations, being panel members, seminar speakers. The pictures below reflect our diverse activities. If you would like to be a role model or wish a role model to speak at your organisation please contact Mr Tony Tiyou: [tonytiyou@hotmail.com](mailto:tonytiyou@hotmail.com).



T: Our Chair Dr Dwain Neil OBE at LBTN No Child Left Behind Event. M: Dr Donald Palmer with staff and pupils at Ernest Bevin School. B: Some Role Models receiving their certificate after successfully being trained in our EDILES Methodology.

**University Opportunities:** Reach Society has collaborated with a number of universities to increase awareness and provide access opportunities. The Jesus College Oxford is offer 10 fully-funded places to Y10 Black boys as part of their impactful access summer school. We are promoting the University of Glasgow's Summer School Programme for Y12- students from