



Reach Society

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Recognition Awards Dinner 2013

In October 2013, roughly 140 guests turned out from the Black community to honour a large cohort of professional men and women from a range of disciplines. Everyone was proud to network with them and witness the many Awards which they received in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to Reach Society and our young people.

The guests also witnessed the inspirational addresses from the Society's patron Professor Trevor Williams and the guest speaker Professor Kurt Barling, special correspondent at the BBC. Each of the guest presenters from Alpha BSE Training, Butler & Trinity Ltd and City & Islington College made thought provoking addresses that were highly appreciated.

Several professionals almost two dozen were honoured with Supporter of Reach Society Awards for their unselfish work on 4 April 2013 for reaching back to encourage, motivate and inspire a record number of roughly 750 young people, and their parents, at the Careers Conference at The Charing Cross Hotel, The Strand.

A popular young winner of a Supporter of Reach Society Award was Rianne Palmer who played her flute wonderfully during the interlude. Four exceptional professionals, Dr Keith Davidson, Glaister Anderson, Leroy Logan and Tony Tiyou, were honoured with Fellows of Reach Society Awards for their sustained meritorious contributions to Reach Society. All have served the Society since it was founded just over three years ago.

This year there was no award for Champion of Reach Society but two organisations, from the private and public sectors, stood out and were recognised with Corporate Fellow of Reach Society Awards. They were Lloyds Banking Group and the Royal Navy. These organisations were fully engaged in all aspects of the Careers Conference and left a deep impression on a good many young people.

We should also note that a cohort of organisations and firms was also honoured with Corporate Supporters of Reach Society Awards for their collaboration with the Society; and chief among them was Excell3. In addition to supporting the Careers Conference this group offered book signing opportunities for the Society's book entitled: **"Our Story, By Us, For Us! The Story of British People of African Caribbean Origin"**.

This short report would not be complete without an expression of our deepest thanks to the master of ceremony, Rob Neil, for his extra-ordinary work to keep the evening running smoothly. The list of professionals honoured is given below; and they shall be known as the Professional Class of 2013.

Dr Dwain A Neil, Chairman, Reach Society



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Professional Class of 2013**

Below are the professionals from the community who gave time to encourage, motivate and inspire our young people; we thank them all for reaching back.

The Professional Class of 2013	
Name	Profession
Allan Douglas-Smith	Metropolitan Police & BPA
Daniel Stone	Oxbridge Project Coordinator, Rare Recruitment
Dr Adebisi Damola	Doctor, NHS Health Trust
Dr Chris Imafidon	Director & Founder, Excellence in Education
Dr Donald Palmer	Senior lecturer & Scientist
Dr June Alexis	Author & Former Headteacher
Dr Keith Davidson	Author & Former Director of Education, Adventist Church
Dr Koye Balogun	Scientist & Hepatitis Expert
Eric Sterling	Public sector staff, Church of England
Glaister Anderson	Finance Manager, RSCF Ltd & Former Company Secretary
Glen Moreau	Airline Pilot, British Airways
Ignatius Adjei	KPMG, director
Joel Oswald	Manager, Financial Services Regulations
Joseph Ogbonna	Lecturer, Middlesex University
Lee Xavier	Solicitor, Follett Stock
Leon Neil	HR & Recruitment Executive
Leroy Logan	Metropolitan Police, Superintendent & BPA
Liam Daniels	Senior Substance Worker, Phoenix Futures
Mutsa Muswere	Lloyds BG, Management Trainee
Marcus Masango	Lloyds BG, Commercial Banking
Michael Peters	HR Executive
Mrs Paula Neil	Author & Former Service Manager, Social Services
Ms Koral Neil	PR Executive
Ms Lauren Small	Manager, Centre for Economic & Social Inclusion
Peter Azu	KPMG, audit expert
Prof. Washington Ochieng	Imperial College, Engineering Department
Rianne Palmer	Undergraduate, reading music
Ritchie Neil	IT Consultancy Executive
Rolston Dennis	Surveyor, Asset Management
Selvin Brown	Deputy Director of Disability, Social Justice & Stakeholders, DWP
Stephan Eyeson	Oxbridge Alumni, Rare Recruitment
Tony Tiyou	Engineer, Altran Technologies UK
Winston Bygrave	Baptist Minister & Former Deputy Headteacher
Winston Phillips	Technical Engineer, BBC
Yane Amos	History Teacher & Amos Bursary Volunteer