

Reach Society

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5th Recognition Awards Report 2016

On Saturday, 15 October, the 172 guests at Reach Society's 5th Recognition Awards listened to Kenneth Olisa, OBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London who congratulated the professionals and corporates for supporting the Society's inspirational programme for young people; he also stressed the importance of persistence as a key ingredient for success in life.

Professor Sir Geoff Palmer, the inventor of the Barley Abrasion Process that is used in the British Brewing Industry, accepted the Society's invitation to become its next Patron. He reminded the audience that the present is the future, and the future is bright because of the work Reach Society and others are doing.

History was made when three Champion of Reach Society awards were presented on the night. It started when Professor Frank Chinegwundoh, MBE won the first Champion of Reach Society award for his extra-ordinary work in several outreach events and his leadership of the Council of Leaders, the COL, for 12 months.

Next the Amos Bursary and Alpha BSE Training won the Corporate Champion of Reach Society awards for their exemplary contributions as outstanding collaboration partners of the Society. AB has participated in virtually all Careers Conferences and they have supplied teams of talented young Black male undergraduates, from high value universities, who have inspired hundreds of young people, year after year.

Alpha BSE Training won the Corporate Champion of Reach Society award for its sponsoring of the ICE Books Reader Awards, and for becoming a stakeholder in the development of the Foundation for Reach Society which will position the Society to inspire more young people in urban areas beyond London.

Demani Jules-Carbon, a UCFB undergraduate, became the third recipient of the Index of Cultural Esteem (ICE) Books Reader Award. It is awarded to a young person each year for reading a few of the titles from the ICE Books listed on the Society's website.

The close collaboration with the Caribbean Women's Standing Conference culminated in their presentation of two diversity awards to Bertie Ross from Brunel University London, and Mrs Yvonne Davis, a primary Head Teacher.

Thames Water, King's College London and Brunel University London sponsored roughly a dozen undergraduates for their first Recognition Awards which gave them the extraordinary chance to network with a large number of professionals from their community and with corporates. The young people highly appreciated this chance.

Each of the guest presenters John Budu-Aggrey, from Alpha BSE Training; Daniel Norris, from City & Islington College; Jeremy Adam, from Lloyds Banking Group; Helen Grant, MP; Niaomi Collett from King's College London; and Cynthia Eubanks, OBE also paid tribute to the many award winners for their compassion and work with young people.

On the night several professionals, roughly a dozen, were honoured with Supporter of Reach Society awards for their unselfish work on 5 April for reaching back to

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Six professionals - Leon Neil, Ovie Kedo, Ritchie Neil, Winston Bygrave, Koral Neil and Sonia Palmer picked up Fellow of Reach Society awards for their sustained meritorious contributions to Reach Society; and this year the first Champion of Reach Society Award was presented to Professor Frank Chinegwundoh, MBE.

Corporate Supporter Awards were picked up by nine corporates. In addition, EDF Energy, King's College London, Lloyds Banking Group and Thames Water picked up Corporate Fellow of Reach Society awards for their exemplary commitment to the work the Society is doing to inspire young people;

There were two corporates who achieved Corporate Champion of Reach Society awards: namely Amos Bursary the first from the third sector to achieve this accolade and Alpha BSE Training, only the second firm in the private sector to achieve this accolade.

Once again, this short report would not be complete without an expression of thanks to the master of ceremony, Rob Neil, for his skillful handling of the programme, and to the two talented young women, Rianne and Elise Palmer, for their wonderful musical contributions.

The Society was also delighted to be able to share with its guests the Business in the Community (BITC) Highly Commended award, in the Future Workforce category, which was won earlier in the week on Tuesday, 11 October. The Society is thankful to BITC for this unexpected act of recognition.

The full list of professionals honoured is given below; and we shall know them as the Professional Class of 2016.

Dr Dwain A. Neil, Chairman, Reach Society

Professional Class of 2016

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

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The Professional Class Of 2016	
Name	Profession
Angela Clarke	National Director, RAFFA & COL Survey Volunteer
Bejoy Pal	Project Manager, Ascension Trust
Bertie Ross	Mentoring Co-Ordinator, Brunel University London
Brenda Jules-Carbon	Volunteer
Cameron Alexander	Econ & Mgt, Oxford Undergraduate & President ACS
Colleen Amos	Founder & Director, Amos Bursary
Demani Jules-Carbon	Sport & Business Undergraduate, UCFB
Desmond Zephyr	Safer Neighbourhood Officer & 100 BMOL
Dionne Rose	Civil Servant & Volunteer
Dr Mark Richards	Physicist, Imperial College
Dr Nana Anokye	Health Economist, Brunel University London
Dr Nira Chamberlain	Mathematician & Entrepreneur
Elise Palmer	Forensic Psychology & Actor
Elston Sandiford	Client Assessment, Lloyds Banking Group
Eric Sterling	Teacher, London
Errol Patterson	Former Metropolitan Police Service
Eugene Avante	EDF Energy
Frank Munro	Civil Servant, DEFRA
Giles Spied	Manager, Transport for London
Glaister Anderson	Ex Company Secretary, Unilever
Gos Chagula	HR & IT Specialism, Consultant
Henderson Osbourne	Training Manager, EDF Energy
Hugh Stultz	Manager, Big Lottery
James Frater	Amos Bursary Alumnus & Undergraduate
Jesse Williams	Amos Bursary Alumnus & Undergraduate
Joel Clarke	Amos Bursary Alumnus & Undergraduate
John Budu-Aggrey	Director, Alpha BSE Training & Patron
Joshua Leslie	Financial Advisor, Lloyds Banking Group
Justice Kanu	Economics & Management, Oxford University ACS
Kalm Paul Christian	History Undergraduate, Oxford University ACS
Karl Murray	F. W. Business & COL Survey Volunteer
Koral Neil	Psychology Graduate & Actor
Lee Xavier	Solicitor, De Cruz Solicitor
Leon Neil	HR Expert, MSL UK
Luke Patterson	Primary School Teacher, London
Marva Rollins	Executive Head Teacher, London & Volunteer
Max Auer, Undergrad	Amos Bursary Alumnus
Michael Fuller	Lawyer, Music Sector
Nana Agyeman	Director, ACCESS UK
Ovie Kedo	Founder, Silverline Promotions
Paul Pennant	Entrepreneur, Today's PA
Paul Riddell	Chairman, Enfield Caribbean Association
Paula Neil	Author & Former Service Manager, LB Hillingdon
Phillip Wright	Investment Banker, BNP Paribas
Prof. Donald Palmer	Senior Lecturer, Royal Veterinary College
Prof. Frank Chinegwundoh, MBE	Consultant Surgeon, NHS
Ritchie Neil	IT Commercial Expert, Software One
Rob Neil	Equality & Training, Ministry of Justice
Robin Corbie	Project Manager, Thames Water
Rolston Dennis	Surveyor, Construction Sector
Ruth Thoms	Solicitor, De Cruz Solicitors
Sean Mclean	Entrepreneur & Transport for London
Selvin Brown	Director, Health & Safety Executive
Seyi Sodunke	Construction Design Manager
Sonia Palmer	Senior Teaching Assistant, London
Winston Bygrave	Ex Deputy Head & Minister
Winston Davis	Business Owner, Plumbing
Winston Phillips	Engineer, British Broadcasting Corporation, BBC
Yane Amos	History Teacher, London