



# Reach Society

Building Connections

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**Welcome:** Dear Friends/Supporters, Here's our newsletter which highlights some of our activities in March/April 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 our Co-Director Mr



Tony Tiyou 'inspiring' at our annual Careers Conference which took place on 4 April at Royal National Hotel, London (see below)

**Reach Society in the Community:** Our role models have visited, schools, colleges, universities, youth centres, community and private sector organisations, being panel members, and seminar speakers. In April, Reach Society ran its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Careers Conference for more than 1000 attendees.



This event featured a cohort of Black professionals from various careers, together with workshops around empowerment, and exhibitors from many sectors, and ended with a Q&A session with a panel of experts. To view report about it click here:

[http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=Reports&Osiris\\_Action=ViewReport&Osiris\\_ReachReportID=41](http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=Reports&Osiris_Action=ViewReport&Osiris_ReachReportID=41) The pictures above highlight some of the activities at the event. To see more pictures just click on this link:

<http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=imagegallery&dir=133>



**The Grace Foods & Reach Society Scholarship:** A Scholarship at Brunel University, worth roughly £30K, will be awarded on a competitive basis to a British male of Caribbean background to study for any degree (except art-related or humanities) at Brunel University enrolling in 2018. Visit

our website for further information and how to apply:

[http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=newsitem&displaynewsitem\\_id=44](http://www.reachsociety.com/pageview.php?page=newsitem&displaynewsitem_id=44)

**Inspired Leaders Network, Young Gifted and Black:** In March 2018 at LSE, Rene Carayol, MBE hosted a panel discussion with three organisations, including Reach Society, exploring the educational attainment of Black boys and the



various activities developed to raise their development and aspiration. Panellist included Collen Amos (Amos Bursary), Dr Dwain Neil (Reach Society) Dr Tony Sewell (Generating Genius)

You can view the debate here: Part I:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6\\_v7GZMHEwE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_v7GZMHEwE)

Part II: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9H\\_jiXRTik](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9H_jiXRTik)

**Celebrating 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Windrush:** In 2018 Reach Society is celebrating the 70th year of the modern Black



community (or 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 March the network conversation explored the importance of art on black culture and identity. Picture left shows participants at this event.

Our next network conversation is entitled: *"The Commonwealth and what it means to be British"* and will be held at Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ.



**In the decades that followed June 1948,** when the first 492 British subjects arrived in Britain, **more than 150,000 British subjects** from the Caribbean region responded to the invitation to join the rebuilding campaign, to work in the new NHS, to work on the transport system, in the manufacturing

sector, in the education system and in local government as teachers, social workers and many other sectors suffering from a shortage of manpower or labour. On left Dame Jocelyn Burrows and Sir Trevor MacDonald are two such migrants.



Many former British subjects from newly independent countries in the continent of Africa who were British passports holders also chose to seek employment in the UK. In this way the foundation of the Modern Black Community (MBC) was established.

**FUTURE EVENT: Reach Society's Recognition Awards Dinner: On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018** we will be hosting our annual



event at **The Galleon Suites, Royal National Hotel London** to honour the men and women who have reached back to help our young people.

Guest speakers **Lord**

**Herman Ouseley (above) & Dr Victor Olisa, QPM.** For more info contact Dr Dwain Neil at [info@reachsociety.com](mailto:info@reachsociety.com). We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued help and support.