



## ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS 2021 *'Celebrating Diversity & Achievement'*

### POST EVENT

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It was truly a night to remember for delivering on a promise full of chillaxation, thought provoking discussion and networking.

The Building Blocks Initiative, organising the annual Achievement Recognition Awards 2021 for the 18<sup>th</sup> time are very pleased to announce the following winners of ARA Awards 2021 for immediate release.

**Jackline Waziri**-Young Entrepreneur Game Award, Creative Thinking and Writing

**Adetola Adebambo**-London Accountancy Practice, Voluntary Sector Professional Recognition in Accounting

**Thabo Jaiyesimi**-Professional Recognition in Creative Arts and Photography

**Steve Mulindwa**-Professional Recognition in Media and Journalism

**Lady Nikky Emelike**-Neasden College and Croydon City College, Professional Excellence in Education

**Mo Obadina**-Academic Professional Recognition

**Dr Bashir Obasekola**-Exemplary Diaspora Academic Professional Leadership Recognition

**Dr Jennifer Obaseki**-Obaseki Solicitors, Exemplary Professional Leadership Recognition in the Legal Profession

**Pauline Aweto**-Professional Leadership in Public Health and Social Care

**Hillna Fontaine, Mabadiliko CIC**-Exemplary Enterprise Lifetime Achievement in business and community development

**Dr Sheriff Alabi**-Exemplary Academic Professional Lifetime Achievement Recognition in business and management support

**Mama Mrs Juliana Coker**-Lifetime Achievement Recognition for contribution to the Creative Arts Music Industry

**Cllr Abigail Marshall-Katung**-Diaspora Political Leadership Recognition

**Cllr Sanchia Alasia**-Political Leadership Recognition

**Dr Waheed Oseni**-Community Life Changer of the Year

**Sophie Davis**-Volunteer of the Year

The BBI's annual Awards has become a much anticipated event within the Black and Minority Ethnic business and social calendar, bringing about community and industrial

recognition, professional networking opportunities, social celebration and a spirit of togetherness.

The Worshipful Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Barrie Hargrove said, ***“I’m very proud to be part of this year’s 18<sup>th</sup> ARA Awards which I believe started as Black Business Awards in Southwark many year ago, and seeing the event going from strength to strength is really amazing. I thank Sunny and the whole BBI team for their relentlessness and keeping the celebration of Black achievements on the map every year. Well done and good luck for all you do continue to do in the future”.***

Among dignitaries also present were Prince Mike Abiola, the publisher of African Voice Newspaper, and discussion panellists, Dawn Grant, Black Economic-Foundation, Prof Bisi Adewole, and Cllr Ann-Marie Cousins who all gave some very insightful thoughts on the theme of discussion before the awards ceremony entitled ***‘Black Economic Empowerment, Reality or Myth?’***. The guest participants also animated the night by sharing their penny’s worth on the discussion as well.

The BBI Awards management team plan to host the ARA Awards 2022 at their usual venue, Hilton London Tower Bridge Hotel once COVID situation becomes much better. The event never failed to deliver on its promise of providing an interesting night for all.

***Don’t miss out on the most exhilarating celebration of diversity, achievement and spirit of togetherness in 2022.***

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