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We are live!

Visit our website and find out more about the team behind ACEN,
our vision, and all the hard work we're doing to bring it to life!

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Announcing our very first Patron!

David Harewood

In 2016, David Presented a documentary titled 'Will the UK ever have a Black Prime Minister' which uncovered a series of startling statistics.

That data largely lends into our mission here at ACEN and being part of the change we want to see,

A copy of the documentary is on our website, it is an essential watch!

[WATCH NOW](#)

Black Lives Matter & Schools

Audit & Training Services

In response to the series of open letters sent to independent and grammar schools by students and alumni detailing their experiences of racism, in June, members also asked us to write to their own schools as a collective.

We have had some disappointing responses, but we have also had some good ones. To ensure that those schools are undertaking the necessary work in an organised, relevant and accountable manner, we have created a comprehensive D&I audit and training programme with a specific anti-blackness slant.

Dulwich College will be our first client!

If you would like us to contact your school, either to commence talks for the first time, or write back after a disappointing response, please send an email to shola@aceducationnetwork.com



11+ Preparation School

It's ambitious, but if we don't try who will?

COVID 19 and the wider BLM movement has forced us to really think about the ways in which our community suffers, and what 'we' can do to address this.

There is no doubt that whilst we live in this society as it stands, without more Black people in decision making positions, as a community we will continue to lack influence and permanent, far reaching progress. Whether affecting policy in parliament, tackling racism in school management, controlling narratives in the media or pursuing successful entrepreneurship, we need more of us to take up these positions.

And, according to the data, there is one path that increases the odds of our children getting into these positions more than any other: access to independent and grammar schools. Whilst on an individual basis this has no guarantees, right now, it is one single activity that we can focus on to try and ensure that, over a generation, we have more members of our community in decision making positions.

ACEN wants to help our network successfully access these schools, and we want to help more black children currently in state education gain access to these environments. For that we need your help.

Do you have any funding contacts or do you work for a corporate organisation that we can approach for sponsorship? If yes, please get in touch.

For more information email aisha@aceducationnetwork.com

Read more about our plans here: <https://www.aceducationnetwork.com/11-preparation-school/>

Learn more about the data surrounding this here: <https://youtu.be/jouXJkgAmWU>

Network

ACEN is in the process of merging our professional network with Black independent and grammar school alumni and professionals.

So we can utilise our networks properly and professionally, we have set up an exclusive Slack space where you'll be able to join specific discussion boards. This helps to ensure that you're only part of conversations that you want to be.

Members will have access to this Slack space when registering via the ACEN website.

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ULTRA EDUCATION

ACEN x BLAM x ULTRA EDUCATION

ACEN has partnered up with some of the UK's leading providers of supplementary education services:

- Blam Charity, a specialist in Black history and supplementary education
- Ultra Education, a specialist in teaching entrepreneurship to children.

We'll be giving members access to online lessons/courses over August. For more information, please register as an ACEN member or keep an eye out on our social media pages/WhatsApp group.



WHAT NEXT?

Until the end of the year we want to focus on:

Fundraising for the school, rolling out the anti-blackness/D&I Audit and training programme in as many schools as possible, growing and strengthening the network and networking.

Spring next year, we will be embarking on a travelling careers advice arm for which we will be visiting state, grammar and independent schools and asking members to participate. If you wish to participate, please indicate your interest when registering [here](#).

HELP US BY...

Most importantly **registering**. We are a very small team of volunteers and doing so helps us save time in administering our offering and services to you.

Equally as important, **please spread the word**. Direct your parent and independent/grammar school connections to our website, WhatsApp group ([message](#) or [email](#) Aisha for access) our [Facebook](#) group, our newly launched [LinkedIn](#) group, [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

If you can **refer** our anti-blackness/D&I audit and training **services to your school** please do. Similarly, **if you work for an organisation with a sizeable CSR/sponsorship budget** then please get in touch.

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