



PATRICK VERNON OBE: FOUNDER OF 100 GREAT BLACK BRITONS

Patrick is a social commentator, campaigner and cultural historian with people at the heart of everything he does.

“The Windrush scandal was traumatic. Survivors need tailored mental health care.”

Patrick Vernon OBE was born in Wolverhampton in the West Midlands, to Norris and Avis Vernon, who had migrated to the UK from Jamaica in the 1950s. He studied law at Manchester Metropolitan University before moving to London in 1989.

He has over two decades experience campaigning against injustice in mental health and BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) areas of UK society. Patrick is currently Associate Director for Connected Communities at the Centre for Ageing Better, Equality and Diversity Adviser to Lambeth Council, Chair of Citizens Partnership for Healthcare Investigation Branch (HSIB) and Senior Associate at OLMEC.

Patrick was the first director of Black Thrive a mental-health multi-agency tackling mental health in Lambeth.

Since 2010 Patrick has been leading the campaign for Windrush Day and in 2018 kickstarted the campaign for an amnesty for the Windrush Generation as part of the Windrush Scandal.

Patrick was awarded an OBE in 2012 for his work in tackling health inequalities for ethnic minority communities in Britain. In 2018 Patrick received an honorary PhD from Wolverhampton University for his work on migration history and equalities.