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Dr Sylvia Forchap-Likambi

Honoured at UK's Largest Diversity Awards

Actor and Comedian Richard Blackwood and ITV News Presenter Charlene White united to host the National Diversity Awards on September 16, 2016.

ROLE MODELS and charities were honoured nationwide at Friday's ceremony at the breathtaking Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, rewarding Britain's most inspirational people for their fight against inequality.

Community heroes from across the UK gathered in the bustling city of Liverpool to celebrate the outstanding achievements of those who have demonstrated exceptional devotion to diversity, equality and inclusion.

Dr Sylvia Forchap-Likambi beat seven others in the running for the **Positive Role Model Award for Gender**

About Dr Sylvia Forchap-Likambi/BIOGRAPHY

Dr Sylvia Forchap-Likambi is a visionary, empowerment and transformation guru, transformational/motivational Speaker, mentor, executive/life coach, and author. She is the visionary founder/CEO of Award-Winning non profit CIC Voice of Nations (VON), with a vision to transform the lives and status

of less privileged and disadvantaged girls, women and families, so they can become aware of their rights and full potential, and excel into positions of leadership and financial independence.

She is also the founder and Global Chair of Global Visionary Women Network (set up to unite visionary women from all walks of life and nations, to educate and empower the ordinary girl child and woman, into extraordinary citizens and leaders of purpose), and Little Angels Foundation charity (set up support orphans/disadvantaged children and families in Cameroon and abroad, and to promote health and well being of the disadvantaged in the UK).

She is a leading empowerment and transformation authority, and a very charismatic and innovative 21st Century inspirational and motivational thinker, speaker, and writer, with a compelling vision and passion to impact and positively transform lives and communities through communication, education, mentoring, empowerment and enterprising.

Over the years, Dr Sylvia has coached, supported and inspired over 500 entrepreneurs, thousands of women, and relentlessly empowered, inspired, and motivated many to come out of addictions, depression, get into training, volunteering, employment/ self employment and leadership roles, and also offered them several of such opportunities through her organizations.

In addition, she has mentored numerous women, students, and emerging entrepreneurs, and was multiple nominee/finalist for Mentoring Champion of the Year at The SEN Powerful Together Awards 2012-2014, and also for The Member's Choice Awards in 2012 and 2013 (which celebrates the achievements of an individual who can demonstrate their commitment and contribution to the world of social enterprise, and critically, how they have enabled entrepreneurs to achieve their goals and aspirations). She was nominated Positive Role Model for Gender at The UK National Diversity Awards 2013 and is winner of 2016 Positive Role Model Award for Gender

Quotes:

"As a leader, I believe that I am called to serve and not to lead." Dr Sylvia Forchap Likambi

***"Leadership is the spirit, desire, and passion to love, serve and guide others selflessly, being willing to work and follow them through the path of their journey to success and fulfilment."
Dr Sylvia Forchap Likambi***

"When you do not know who you are or what you want in life, there is a great tendency that you eventually settle for a mediocre life! Therefore, to live an all fulfilling and exceptional life, it is paramount that you go back to the basics of self-identification."Dr Sylvia Forchap Likambi

“All humans are born equal, and every individual is unique and endowed with great potentials and abilities to impact our world, regardless of their background and the circumstances surrounding them.” Dr Sylvia Forchap Likambi

A record 20,000 nominations and votes were received this year, paying tribute to grass root communities nationwide. Microsoft were just one of the brands supporting a skyfall of diversity talent – positive role models, community organisations and entrepreneurs from the LGBT, ethnic minority, age, gender, religion and disability communities.

Other sponsors included adidas Group, the Army, Financial Ombudsman Service, Kier Group, PwC, MI5, GCHQ, MI6, ThoughtWorks, Direct Line Group, Transport for London, ITV, The Open University, The Voice Newspaper & Able Magazine.

The energy in the room was an intrinsically positive one, with each nominee being extremely supportive of each other. The evening was kicked off by founder of the NDA's Paul Sesay, discussing the importance of the National Diversity Awards and what inspired him to create the ceremony.

As passionately as ever, Sesay said, "The grassroots organisations that The National Diversity Awards recognise are pioneering amazing initiatives on equality diversity and inclusion; and we need to promote, empower, profile and acknowledge their extraordinary achievements." The ceremony, without a doubt, delivered on that promise.

David Isaac CBE followed, sharing with the audience what he hopes to achieve as Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. His speech was met with a rapturous applause from the inspired audience.

The diverse line up of award presenters included actor and director Femi Oyeyiran, ITV weatherman Alex Beresford, Actor & Comedian Sally Phillips, Union J Favourite Jaymi Henley, Hollyoaks star Annie Wallace, Liverpool's very own acting sensation Philip Olivier, former England football international Sol Campbell, and the UK's leading disabled fashion model Kelly Knox.

Designed to highlight the country's most inspirational and selfless people, the NDA's are supported by the likes of Stephen Fry, Sir Lenny Henry and Katie Piper amongst many.

Returning from the Rio Paralympics with two Gold Medals in tow, British Cyclist Jody Cundy said "I am proud to be supporting The National Diversity Awards - a fantastic celebration of the achievements that would often go unnoticed, but ultimately have enhanced today's culturally diverse society, bringing together and creating role models from all walks of life!".

The Liverpool Signing Choir, who performed at both the Olympic and Paralympic games in 2012, performed stellar renditions of John Lennon's imagine, and Heather Smalls' Proud.

MiC LOWRY, described by BBC1CTRA as the 'next big thing to come out of the UK' also showcased their music to the nationwide audience. The 5 piece band will be touring with Justin Bieber from September 29th and released their brand new single on the same day as they awards.

The National Diversity Awards was a real feel good ceremony, where each nominee had earned their right to be in attendance for their fantastic work in their specific community.

The Golden Globes of the diversity world was a wholeheartedness event refreshingly celebrated in such swanky style, that it was evident who were the stars of this show, the well-deserving, humble and extraordinary nominees.

The full list of winners is as follows:

Positive Role Model for Age: Sajid Rashid BEM

Positive Role Model for Disability: Aston Avery

Positive Role Model for Gender: Dr. Sylvia Forchap-Likambi

Positive Role Model for LGBT: Moira Smyth

Positive Role Model for Race, Faith & Religion: Keesha Edwards

Community Organisation Award for Age: AIM Academy

Community Organisation Award for Disability: Glasgow Disability Alliance

Community Organisation Award for Gender: Women4Africa

Community Organisation Award for LGBT: Mermaids

Community Organisation Award for Race, Faith & Religion: Black Cultural Archives

Community Organisation Award for Multi-strand: Victory Hants

Entrepreneur of Excellence: Neomi Bennett

Celebrity of the Year: Annie Wallace

Diverse Company: Channel 4

Lifetime Achiever: Qaisra Shahraz

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