

CIVIL ENG. STUDENT INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD DINNER

David Mokenye Onywoki, a first year Civil Engineering student, was invited to speak at The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Special Projects Dinner. The event was hosted by Theatre Royal Haymarket (TRH) and The Earl and Countess of Wessex KG GVCO. The event took place at the Bagshot Park, Surrey in London on Tuesday 24th November 2015. This special very intimate dinner was for supporters of the Special Projects which aim to avail the Award to more young people especially the marginalized and underprivileged.

David Mokenye, A Gold Award Holder spoke about his experience with the Award, which is known as The President's Award- Kenya in our country, and how it had impacted his life. He spoke movingly about the transformative impact of the Award on him: "the boy I was then would be proud of the man I am now. Indeed, the discipline, focus and leadership skills I gained as well as teamwork, social skills and the effort to keep physically fit are more than invaluable. I may not have much, but I choose to give the little I have, and the result is a sense of fulfillment which I cannot adequately express; some sort of self-actualization."

During his time at Nyeri High School, he led a team which comprised of his fellow students that taught inmates at King'ong'o Maximum Prison in Nyeri.

All the four award holders young people explained to guests how the Special Projects fund had made a difference to their lives and their communities. All four speakers have been positively impacted by the fund which aims to extend the reach of the Award to marginalized young people.

Guests were so moved by what they heard that they committed ongoing support for the Special Projects initiative, which has so far raised over £300,000 this year.

More highlights are found at <http://www.intaward.org/news/special-projects-donors-hear-fund%E2%80%99s-transformative-impact>



David Mokenye with Lucy Ranson before the dinner



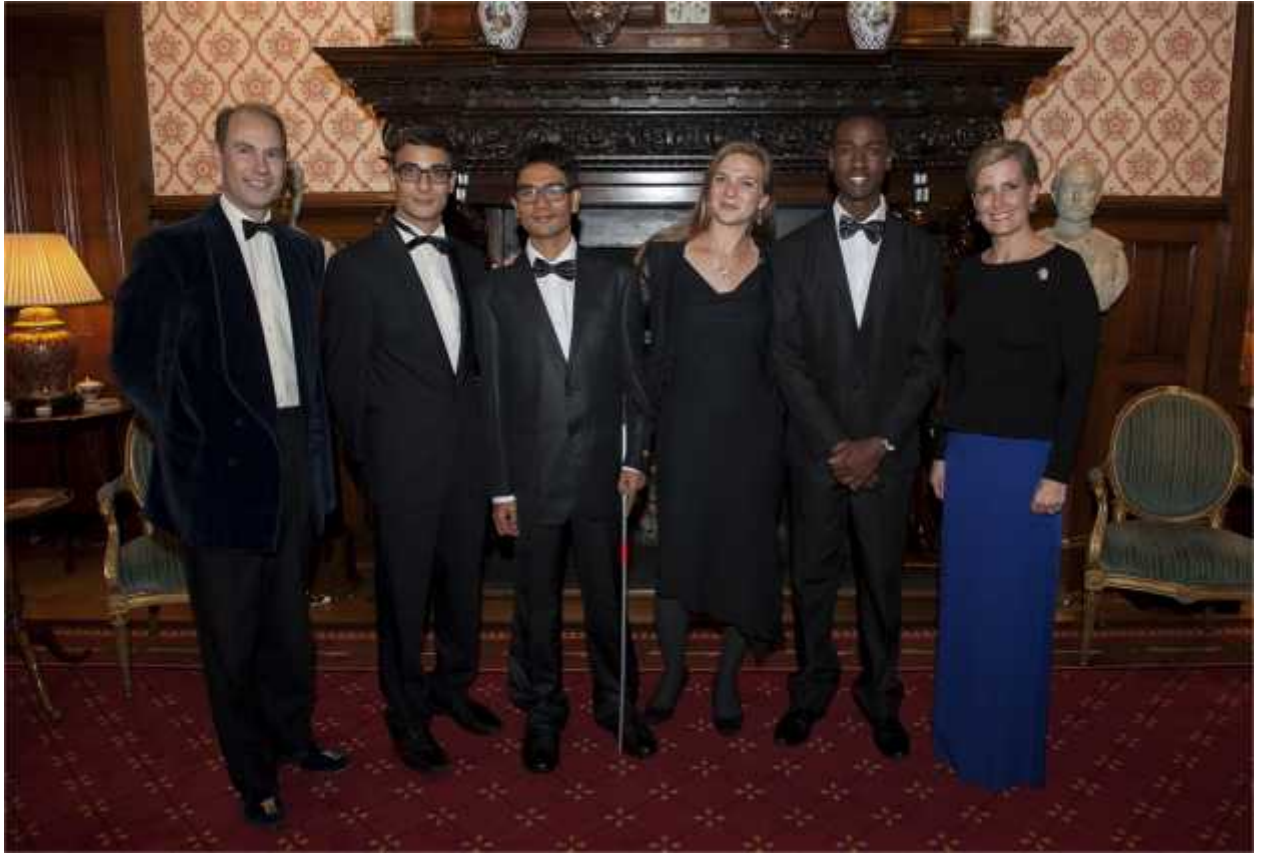
David meets Mrs. Margaret Fountain, The Global Benefactor of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation



David giving his speech that evening



(From left to right) David Onywoki, Annika Jones, Lukas Kotler, and Mrs. Margaret Fountain after the dinner



The four Award Speakers posing for a photo with Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex KG GVC. (From left to right) HRH The Earl of Wessex Prince Edward, Lukas Kotler (Czech Republic), Sikdam Hassim (Indonesia), Davina Jutten (Australia), David Onywoki, and HRH The Countess of Wessex Lady Sophia.