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Patrick is also founder of Every Generation Media and 100 Great Black Britons, which develops education programmes, publications and films on cultural heritage and family history. Patrick was made Pioneer of the Nation for Cultural History by the Queen in 2003. He is a leading expert on African and Caribbean genealogy in the UK. In 2017 was appointed editor for Black History Month magazine and in 2018 for Windrush Commemorative magazine. Since 2010 he has been leading the campaign for Windrush Day and in 2018 kick started the campaign for an amnesty for the Windrush Generation as part of the Windrush Scandal which led to a government U-turn in immigration policy and resignation of Amber Rudd as Home Secretary. Patrick was awarded an OBE in 2012 for his work in tackling health inequalities for ethnic minority communities in Britain. In 2010 a community hall in a health centre was named after Patrick by residents on the Chalk hill estate near Wembley Stadium for his work on health and community development. Patrick is Patron of ACCI mental health charity based in Wolverhampton and Santé a refugee project in Camden. Finally, Patrick was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters at Wolverhampton University in September 2018.

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