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Voluntary Sector Network

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Voluntary sector professionals, philanthropists and many of the country's millions of community volunteers are among the people receiving honours in the 2018 New Year honours list.

There are 1,123 people receiving an honour, with 70% of awards going to people who have undertaken outstanding work in or for their local community in either a voluntary or paid capacity. Although this is down from 74% last year , it follows what the Cabinet Office calls a "strategic steer" from the prime minister that she would like more awards to go to those contributing to society and their communities.

The two oldest award recipients are 101 years old. Lt Col. Mordaunt Cohen receives an MBE for his services to second world war education and Helena Jones receives a British Empire Medal for her services to young people and the community in Brecon, Powys. The youngest person to receive an honour is 18-year-old Lucia Mee, who receives a BEM for services to promoting public awareness about organ donation.

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Philanthropists

Among the philanthropists on the honours list, businessman and philanthropist Ken Olisa, who in 2015 was named the UK's most influential black Briton for his work tackling homelessness and poverty, and who already has an OBE, now receives a knighthood.

Lady Susan Rice, former managing director of Lloyds Banking Group Scotland, and previously chief executive then chair of Lloyds TSB Scotland, becomes a dame for services to business, the arts and charity. A founding non-executive of Big

Society Capital and previously of Charity Bank, Rice has helped develop social finance models in the US and the UK.

Rosemary Squire, co-founder of the Ambassador Theatre Group, and one of the most prominent women in modern British theatre, becomes a dame for services to theatre and philanthropy. She is a national member of the Arts Council England board, a trustee of the Hall for Cornwall, and was chair of Great Ormond Street's Theatres for theatres appeal.

There is a CBE for Jane Hamlyn, chair since 2004 of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, which gives grants to help people overcome disadvantage. An OBE goes to Richard Mintz, who has supported a range of causes over the past 50 years, and Rosemary Cadbury receives an MBE for her philanthropic support of a wide variety of community and charitable activities in the West Midlands.

Charity professionals

Blondel Cluff, chief executive of UK charity the West India Committee, and a member of the Royal Mint advisory committee, gets a CBE for services to numismatic design and to the Caribbean community in the UK and abroad, and there is a CBE for Elizabeth Dymond, director at the Charity for Civil Servants.

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Sophie Andrews, chief executive since 2012 of the Silver Line charity, which supports older people, receives an OBE, as do Pat Armstrong, chief executive of the Association of Chief Officers of Scottish Voluntary Organisations, a post she has held since 2003, and Jackie Hewitt-Main, chief executive of the Cascade Foundation, which supports prisoners and ex-offenders with dyslexia and learning disabilities.

David Johnston, chief executive of the Social Mobility Foundation, also receives an OBE, as do Gerri McAndrew, chief executive of Buttle UK, former chief executive of the Fostering Network, and chair of the grant management panel at the Consortium of Voluntary Adoption Agencies, and Naomi Marek, chief executive of Sky Badger, which supports the families of children with disabilities or special educational needs.

Colin Morrison, former chair of the Royal National Children's Foundation (RNCF), receives an OBE, as does Kevin Parry, the chair of the new charity formed earlier this year when the RNCF merged with the Springboard Bursary Foundation. Graham Pellew, former deputy chief executive of the Families for Children Adoption Agency receives an OBE, as do Barbara Rayment, former chief executive of the Youth Access counselling network, and Bartholomew Smith, founder and chair of the Amber Foundation.

Voluntary and community awards

Hundreds of UK volunteers receive recognition in the honours list, with many receiving a BEM, awarded for "hands-on service" to a local community. Those receiving a BEM include Dawn Parkinson, a volunteer for the Samaritans in Belfast, Alyson Williams, child and youth officer at Swansea Community Farm, and Scott Watkin, from the Isle of Wight, who teachers people with learning disabilities about eye care.

There is an OBE for Northern Ireland teacher David Canning, the coordinator of the Project Children cross-community project; for Scottish businesswoman Joan Ingram, who is a member of the NHS Scottish Diabetes Group and JDRF Type 1 Voice Council for voluntary service to healthcare, particularly type-1 diabetes; and for Aina Khan, for services to protecting women and children.

John Woolf, co-founder of the Charities Leadership Programme with Fiona Woolf, former Lord Mayor of London, receives an OBE for the Charities Leadership

Programme the couple set up in 2013.

Ralph Hoult, a former deputy mayor of Ramsgate and an honorary freeman in the town, who has been involved in his local community since joining the cubs in 1951, receives an OBE, as does Harry Johnston, chief executive of the North Manchester Jewish Cemeteries Trust, and consultant Dr Rajan Madhok, a trustee of his late wife's renal research charity, which has raised more than £1.2m over 30 years.

OBEs also go to John Shallcross for voluntary services to young people and youth clubs in the north east, and to volunteer Marion Wynn, for her services to Girlguiding.

There are MBEs for many community volunteers, including Afrasiab Anwar, for building community cohesion in Burnley, Lancashire; Susan Coates, for five decades of service in Girlguiding; and Sara Fitzsimmons, co-founder and director of the Simpsons Memory Box Appeal, which supports bereaved families at the Simpsons maternity ward at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh.

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Aina Khan has been honoured with an OBE for her work protecting women and children from unregistered marriages. Stephen Lock for The National

A grime artist, a former deputy prime minister and a solicitor specialising in Islamic Family law are among 1,123 people named in the UK New Year Honours list.

Wiley, the "godfather" of the grime movement, which originated in east London, was awarded an Member of the British Empire gong (MBE) for services to music.

Responding to the news of his honour on Twitter, the 38-year-old, whose real name is Richard Cowie wrote: "Big up the Queen."

> Big up the Queen dun kno ❤
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> — Wiley-MBE #BBK (@WileyUpdates) December 30, 2017

Aina Khan, the founder of Register Our Marriage (ROM), was recognised with an Order of the British Empire (OBE) award for helping protect women and children from unregistered marriages.

The campaign is aimed at Muslim couples who do not register their Islamic Nikah ceremony, although it is directed

at all faiths.

Ms Khan said she hoped that her position on the list would show that “a child of immigrants can be a British citizen, can have a professional career and be given an award that has been handed out for a century”.

“I am from a Muslim Pakistani background and this award is good news for Muslims, Pakistanis and for women breaking through the glass ceiling,” she added.

Grime artist Wiley has been recognised in the New Year Honours list with an MBE. Sarah Dea/ The National

Nick Clegg, the former leader of the Liberal Democrat party who served as deputy prime minister from 2010 to 2015, has received a knighthood.

The former member of parliament for Sheffield Hallam, a constituency with a heavy student base, lost his seat in June’s general election widely seen as a reaction to his part in increasing tuition fees during his time in government.

Sir Nick, as he will be known as, also clarified that despite accepting the honour, he would not be taking up a place in the House of Lords.

> And just to clear up a bit of confusion, the knighthood does NOT mean I will serve in the House of Lords. My aversion to unelected Legislatures remains. 2/2
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> — Nick Clegg (@nick_clegg) December 30, 2017

The former deputy prime minister was one of several remain campaigners in the 2016 EU referendum who were given awards.

While Brexiteers were also recognised. Graham Brady, who is a key influencer in the ruling Conservative party was given a knighthood and fellow Conservative politician Cheryl Gillan was made a Dame.

Ringo Starr, the former Beatles drummer, was given a knighthood, twenty years after his former bandmate Sir Paul McCartney was awarded his gong.

Responding to the news, he said: "It's great! It's an honour and a pleasure to be considered and acknowledged for my music and my charity work, both of which I love. Peace and love."

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Part of the British honours system, New Years Day is marked by naming new members of orders of chivalry and other official honours in the name of the reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

However, the Queen does not decide who makes the list, rather she approves a list given to her by her ministers.

Select committees divided into nine subject areas made up of independent experts and senior civil servants sift through a list of nominations and decide the recipients.

To be eligible for an honour, a candidate must first be nominated. Anyone can be nominated; however, they must be actively involved in what they have been nominated for.

A Knight Commander or Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire is the second highest order given in the honours. The highest is Knight Grand Cross or Dame Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (GBE).

A Commander of the Order of the British Empire follows in third, while an OBE ranks fourth followed by an MBE in fifth.

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New Year honours for solicitors

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A senior figure in the Government Legal Department and a former chief magistrate for England and Wales are among the solicitors to receive awards in the 2018 New Year honours list.

Anne McGaughrin

Source: Michael Cross

Anne McGaughrin, Government Legal Department.

Anne McGaughrin, legal director for Department for Education, Government Legal Department, receives the CBE for services to law and order in the public sector. McGaughrin was admitted in 1986 and worked in law centres and private practice before joining the government legal service.

The Department for Education's legal workload this year included intervening in Isle of Wight Council v Platt, in which the Supreme Court backed a council's prosecution of a parent who took their child on holiday in term time.

Howard Riddle, who retired in 2016 as chief magistrate for England and Wales, receives the CBE for services to the administration of Justice. Riddle was admitted as a solicitor in 1978 and elected as an honorary bencher of Gray's Inn in 2012. He was appointed as a stipendiary magistrate in 1993 and to the post of senior district judge (chief magistrate of England and Wales) in 2010.

Kevin Sadler, courts and tribunals development, HM Courts and Tribunals Service also receives the CBE for services to the administration of justice. His responsibilities include HMCTS's property function, including the controversial court closures programme.

There is an OBE for solicitor and Islamic family law specialist Aina Khan, conferred for services to the protection of women and children in unregistered marriages. She has been head of the Islamic and Asian department at Duncan Lewis since 2012. Khan was formerly head of family law at Woodroffes in Belgravia, London and head of the Islamic Legal Services division at Russell Jones & Walker (now Slater and Gordon) in Chancery Lane.

Nilufer von Bismarck

Nilufer von Bismarck, the head of the financial institutions group and equity capital markets at magic circle firm Slaughter and May, receives the OBE for services to the financial sector. She has been with the firm since 1990 and partner since 1994.

Sacha Harber-Kelly, formerly a case controller at the Serious Fraud Office, has been given an OBE for services to combatting fraud, bribery and corruption. Harber-Kelly is now a partner at US firm Gibson Dunn & Crutcher.

Andrew Kaufman

Source: Fladgate

Andrew Kaufman, Fladgate

Andrew Kaufman, corporate and M&A consultant at London firm Fladgate has been awarded an MBE for services to Holocaust education. The honour recognises his contribution to national charity the Association of Jewish Refugees.

Margaret McCabe, head of the Welsh Tribunals Unit, receives the MBE for services to administrative justice in Wales. She was nominated for demonstrating 'truly outstanding leadership' in establishing the unit.

In the diplomatic service and overseas list, barrister Paul Mahoney, former UK judge at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, receives the KCMG for services to international justice.

DAMEHOOD FOR TOP SCIENTIST AS ASIANS ARE ONCE AGAIN LAUDED IN NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST

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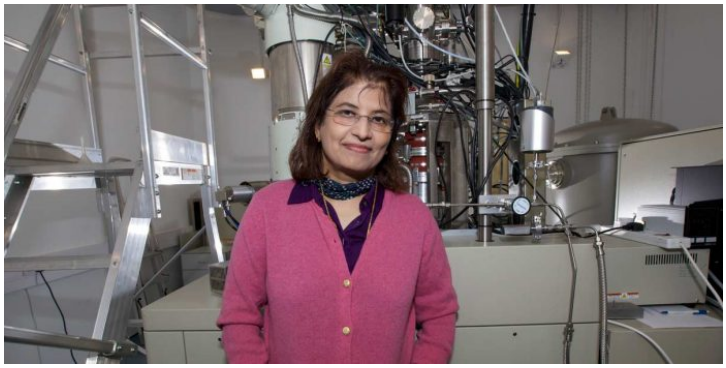

Professor Pratibha Laxman Gai

A TOP SCIENTIST, campaigners, community leaders and entrepreneurs are among Asians honoured in the Queen's New Year List, announced tonight (29).

Professor Pratibha Laxman Gai, of the University of York, has been awarded a damehood for her services to chemical sciences and technology. She has the distinction of creating the first microscope that has the ability of perceiving chemical reactions at the atomic scale.

Professor Gai has opted to not to patent her technology so as to encourage the widest possible fundamental research.

Those have been awarded an OBE include:

- Raja Mohammed, chairman of the Adil group, which specialises in hotels and food, for his services to business, job creation and charity;
- Professor Charanjit Bountra, a professor at Oxford, for his services to translational medical research and
- Jaswant Ramewal, for her work at the Ministry of Defence.

Aina Khan was awarded with an OBE for her effort in protecting women and children in unregistered marriages.

She is the founder of Register Our Marriage (ROM), a campaign to protect women and children in unregistered marriages. Her work aims include the reform of the Marriage Act 1949, which would require all UK religious marriages to be registered, and making sure that women and children are protected by law within unregistered marriages.

With a law career spanning more than 25 years, Khan said she hopes the award can show the ethnic minority community that "a child of immigrants can be a British citizen, can have a professional career and be given an award that has been handed out for a century".

"I am from a Muslim Pakistani background and this award is good news for Muslims, Pakistanis and for women breaking through the glass ceiling," she said.

In total, 1,123 people have received an award with 9.2 per cent of the successful candidates coming from a Black, Asian or ethnic minority (BAME) background.

Those awarded with an MBE honour include:

- Neelam Farzana, the co-founder and managing director of mental health organisation The Listening Service for her work in mental health in communities.
- Onkardeep Singh Bhatia, a founding member and director of the City Sikhs Network, for his work with young people.
- Sadi Khan, an active member of Woman's Aid, for her services to cultural and religious training and voluntary service to vulnerable women.

The honours system is open to all with around 3,000 nominations each year.

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