

Powerchex's Summer Student to take his case to the National Finals of the Prestigious Shell STEP Competition

Summer Work Experience named among the most Enterprising Students in Southern England

London, September 28th, 2009. Deva Gilroy Sen, a student from the University of Oxford, was last week named among the most enterprising students in Southern England at the regional awards ceremony hosted at the Shell Centre, London. He will now represent the region in a few weeks time at a black tie event to determine the Most Enterprising Student in the UK.

Deva was placed at Powerchex, a London-based pre-employment screening firm, for the duration of his project. He conducted a highly successful marketing and public relations campaign, gaining a spot on the BBC News for Powerchex Managing Director Alexandra Kelly, as well as articles in several broadsheet newspapers, including The Guardian, The Times, and The Financial Times.

Not surprisingly, Powerchex MD Alexandra Kelly is absolutely delighted. *'This is the 3rd year running one of our students has reached the National Finals of the competition. It is testament to the hard work our students put in year after year...and the BBC News interview was just the icing on the cake!'* she enthused.

Gareth Lewis of Knowledge Dock, based at the University of East London, is equally impressed with the achievements of Deva and his cohorts: *"We have been working in partnership with Powerchex since its inception in 2004. Every year Powerchex take on a Shell Step student to undertake an innovative project within their company. It is testament to the company's innovative thinking that the company have been able to provide such challenging projects that their students have reached the National Finals of the nationwide competition for the last three consecutive years – a feat that I am sure has not been achieved in the 23 years of the programme's history!"*



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NOTES TO EDITORS:

About Powerchex

Powerchex is the UK's premier pre-employment screening firm for financial institutions. Based in the City of London, Powerchex checks the background, employment history, criminal records and professional qualifications of applicants on behalf of financial institutions. It sets the industry benchmark of 5 days for a background check.

www.powerchex.co.uk.

About the Programme:

Shell Step brings together students and graduates who want to gain valuable experience on real work placements with companies who want an injection of fresh ideas, talent and enthusiasm to inspire and build their business.

www.shellstep.org.uk/