



Rajeeb Dey FRSA, CEO of Enternships.com & Co-Founder of StartUp Britain

Rajeeb (26) - who has been named as one of the UK's "rising stars of the business world" by Spectator Business Magazine and "among the most high profile" young entrepreneur by the Financial Times - graduated with First Class Honours in June 2008 from the University of Oxford in Economics & Management. Whilst at University he was the longest serving President of Oxford Entrepreneurs, one of the largest networks of student entrepreneurs in Europe. He was also President of the Oxford Majlis Asian Society, founded in 1896 as a political forum for Indian independence and the second oldest society at Oxford University. Former presidents include Mrs. Indira Gandhi and K.P.S. Menon, who went on to serve the subcontinent with distinction.

Rajeeb has been heavily involved in social entrepreneurship/youth participation from an early age. At 17, Rajeeb became the Founder & Chairman of the English Secondary Students' Association (ESSA) – the first national student run organisation empowering secondary school students, giving them a voice in education.

Rajeeb's work in entrepreneurship has led to him being invited as one of the first Ambassadors for the "Make Your Mark Campaign" – helping to promote UK entrepreneurship. Rajeeb's other roles include being a Trustee and Investment Committee member of UnLtd – the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs; Trustee of the Phoenix Education Trust; a Commissioner on the Carnegie UK Trust's Inquiry into the Future of Civil Society; Education Advisory Board Member for Channel 4; and an Advisory Board Member of the UK-India Business Council (UKIBC), which involved being part of Gordon Brown's Ministerial visit to India in January 2008 and most recently was part of Prime Minister David Cameron's Business Delegation to Africa in July 2011.

Rajeeb's work with ESSA has led to him being presented with an award by Channel 4 & NESTA's "Bedroom Britain Campaign" (recognising young entrepreneurial talent in Britain), a Wavemakers Award (from Sir John Major); an UnLtd Level 2 Award; the Bank of England's Windsor Fellowship in 2005 (a prestigious Leadership Development programme); as well as being awarded the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Award in 2006 and Fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts (as part of the RSA Young Leaders Award). In 2008 he was selected as one of twelve people globally to be given the accolade of "Architect of the Future" by the Waldzell Institute and one of twenty globally to receive the YouthActionNet Global Fellowship. He is a member of The Observer / Courvoisier Future 500 network – 'an exclusive network of rising stars across the UK' and has been chosen as one of four within the network to be named as "One to Watch in 2010". He has also been invited to join the British Council's Trans-Atlantic Network 2020 – a network of emerging leaders from around the world.

Rajeeb is also the Founder & CEO of Enternships.com, a service providing "entrepreneurial work placements" by connecting talented students and graduates to start-ups, SMEs and "intrapreneurial" firms worldwide. The site launched in public beta in May 09 and has already been recognized as a promising new start-up by becoming a Top 3 Finalist in the Esquire Magazine / Philips New Business Challenge; Finalist in the Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 "Life Academy" Awards and for which he has been named the 02 X Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2009. Enternships has already secured global media coverage in The Sunday Times, CNN, The Daily Telegraph, ABC News, Business Week, Wall Street Journal amongst others. Rajeeb was profiled by the Institute of Directors as the Director of the Month in March 2010 and as one of the UK's Top 30 Entrepreneurs aged Under 30 in Real Business Magazine (April 2010). Enternships has also been recognised by the UK Trade & Investment's Global Entrepreneur Programme (UKTI GEP) as a "Technology of Exceptional Potential" and Rajeeb is the youngest entrepreneur to have ever been admitted onto the UKTI GEP initiative.

In April 2010 Rajeeb was featured in a National Lottery funded exhibition, alongside India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Indira Gandhi, Benazir Bhutto and other prolific individuals as one of ten "Oxasians" - illustrious graduates from the University of Oxford of South Asian origin.

In March 2011 he Co-Founded the StartUp Britain campaign – a national initiative supported by HM Government which aims to celebrate, inspire and accelerate entrepreneurship in the UK, launched by the Prime Minister David Cameron, Chancellor George Osborne and Secretary of State Vince Cable.