

# Opus Energy Backs Corby's Great Olympic Hope



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Opus Energy, a leading independent electricity supplier to UK businesses, is proud to announce its sponsorship of one of Britain's most promising young hopes for London 2012, Northamptonshire-based gymnast Daniel Keatings.

Hailing from Corby, 19 year old Daniel has been in world-beating form this year. With a silver medal in the All Around final at the Senior European Championships, Britain's first ever All Around medal in a major championship, and a bronze on the Pommel Horse at a World Cup Event.

He set the gymnastics world alight last year when he became Junior All Around Champion at the European Championships, including an amazing four gold medals. His final haul, which also included team gold and another individual bronze, was the first time a British gymnast had ever achieved such a feat.



Daniel's current focus is the World Championship coming up in October, taking place at the O2 Arena in London. The event will be a glimpse of his ultimate dream of winning a medal on home soil at London 2012. Daniel has already had a taste of the Olympics after representing Great Britain in Beijing.

Opus Energy, whose head offices are in Northampton, will be supporting Daniel all the way up to London 2012. The firm's sponsorship, which will cover essentials such as coaching, competition fees, equipment and travel, will allow him to dedicate his time solely to achieving success in the sport without having to find alternative ways of generating income.

Currently a Junior Ambassador for Northamptonshire Enterprise, Daniel also promotes sport and exercise in local schools.

Daniel studied at Kingswood School and his potential for stardom was evident from the age of nine when he became part of the Junior British Gymnastics Squad, after winning his first national gold medal. His first major medal came in 2007 when he won silver on the Pommel Horse at the Senior European Championships.

Daniel will be keeping a blog that will provide updates on his progress, which can be found at: [www.opusenergychallenge.com](http://www.opusenergychallenge.com)

Commenting on Opus Energy's sponsorship of Daniel, Charlie Crossley Cooke, Managing Director at Opus Energy, said:

"Opus Energy is proud to be sponsoring a local world class athlete. Daniel is showing huge potential and we are delighted to be able to support him in a way that will allow him to focus on his dream of success. He's had a great year and we wish him every success for the World Championships in October. We will all be following his progress closely."

Daniel Keatings said:

"I'm delighted to have the backing of a local business like Opus Energy. Their support gives me the peace of mind that I know I can dedicate all my time to training towards my dream of Olympic success."

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Opus Energy is a leading independent supplier of electricity to UK businesses. With offices in Northampton and Oxford, Opus Energy employs over 230 people.

Opus Energy supplies over 50,000 UK business sites across all sectors. Large customers include: Stagecoach, Thorntons, Farmfoods, FirstGroup, and John Lewis.

Opus Energy's management team has a 50 per cent stake in the business, while International Power Plc (LSE:IPR.L) holds 30 per cent and Telecom Plus Plc (LSE:TEP.L) has 20 per cent.

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