



Meadows Marathon Registration Open

The Meadows Marathon will take place on 7 March 2010. Registration for the half marathon and 5km fun run is now open alongside a newly updated website www.meadowsmarathon.org.uk

The event is an entirely 100% student volunteer led project, and the organisation team aims to smash all previous records and raise £100,000 for local and national charities, as well as attracting over 1,000 runners

It will take place around the historical area of the Meadows, in the centre of Edinburgh, which has stunning views of the city's well known landmarks. The event is aimed at all levels of runner, and it only costs the small amount of £15 to register to encourage maximum participation from local charities. The organisers believe that exercise should be fun and so, on the day, various entertainments will be provided, including radio DJs, celebrities and performance acts, all designed to spur on the competitors.

As well as the website, runners and supporters can also find information and news about the event on the facebook group, Meadows Half Marathon, which has already gained over 500 members.

John Owens, editor of myRace commented, 'The Meadows Marathon is perhaps the most vibrant and exciting half marathon in the whole of Scotland. The atmosphere on the day is electric and it's fantastic to see so many students and keen runners taking part in the name of charity. The costumes last year were well thought out, and it will be interesting to see what some runners come up with this year.'

This year's Project Manager, Sally Hutchby, has been involved with the Meadows Marathon for the past two years and is keen to carry on its success. Sally commented, 'I am thrilled to be part of this project for another year and hope to carry on its legacy. This year we want to make the Meadows Marathon even bigger and better and are going to be pulling out all the stops. We want to show that Edinburgh's students play an active role in the community and that they can bring their energy and enthusiasm together to raise funds for a whole range of deserving causes.'

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Background Information

- Back in 2007 the event was founded by Paul Hewett and Alex Robertson, two mathematic students from the University of Edinburgh
- The Meadows Marathon is supported by the Edinburgh Students' Charities Appeal
- The Meadows Marathon is returning for its fourth consecutive year
- Last year's event was one of the biggest student organised road races in the UK, and 850 runners raised a staggering £50,000 for charity
- The team believes that any charity can become involved and that the event is accessible to all. Already signed up is Scottish Love in Action, Four Square and Meningitis Research

For further information visit the website - www.meadowsmarathon.org.uk for more details about the event and to sign up.

Or alternatively contact Alexandra Budge at press@meadowsmarathon.org.uk or on 07977738061

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