



The Meadows Marathon is back for the fourth year!

The Meadows Marathon is returning for its fourth consecutive year in March 2010. Following the success of last year's event, as one of the biggest student organised road races in the UK which saw 850 runners raise a staggering £50,000 for charity, next year's half marathon and 5km fun run aims to be even more ambitious.

An entirely 100% student volunteer led project, the organisation team aims to smash all previous records and raise £100,000 for local and national charities.

Among the many worthy recipients will be Sport Relief which two years ago received a £10,000 donation from the Meadows Marathon, one of the largest ever recorded student donations to the charity.

Organisers aim to attract over 1,000 runners to the event, taking place on Sunday 7 March 2010 around the historical Meadows and buildings of the University of Edinburgh in the centre of the capital. The event is aimed at all levels of runner, with low entry fees to encourage maximum participation for good causes. 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.

To generate further support, the organisers have invited over 100 national and local charities to attend a launch evening tomorrow (Thursday 26 November, 7pm) at the Pleasance, and have also extended the invitation to any other fundraisers interested in competing. 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 more information about getting involved as a charity, please contact charities@meadowsmarathon.org.uk

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. It has been close to my heart for a very long time. 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
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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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