

Pro-Vice-Chancellor cycles for university research and scholarships

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The University's Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Transfer is preparing for a charity bike ride across Wales in aid of the University's Circles of Influence fundraising campaign.

Professor Adam Tickell will join more than 3,000 cyclists for the annual Dragon Ride cycle challenge over the hills of South Wales and the Brecon Beacons National Park, completing the intermediate challenge of 125km. Adam is raising money to support the University's diabetes research and the Access to Birmingham Scholarships.

He explains: *'I have always loved cycling and so when a friend of mine asked me to complete the challenge with him this year, I jumped at the chance. My daughter is diabetic and therefore being able to support the University's cutting-edge research in this field is really important to me. I am also very committed to supporting the success of the Access to Birmingham scheme which really captures the vision of the University as an agent for great transformation and makes such a significant impact on students' lives.'*

His daughter, Maddy Tickell, who was 12-years-old when she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, adds: *'I think it's really great that my dad is completing this challenge for diabetes research. When I'm okay, I don't really notice my diabetes and I'm very lucky to have a lot of people looking out for me. I like to go riding with my dad in the summer and he is really excited about this race, I'll definitely be there to meet him at the end; if he makes it!'*

Professor Tickell will be completing the challenge on Sunday 10 June and has already raised more than £1,000 towards his £3,000 target. If you would like to support his efforts, please visit: <http://www.justgiving.com/Adam-Tickell> (<http://www.justgiving.com/Adam-Tickell>) or text ADAM02 followed by the amount you would like to give (e.g. ADAM02 £5) to 70070. Remember to Gift Aid your donation by replying to the follow-up text message.

To find out how you can get fit and raise funds for research at the University like Adam, please contact Laura Clark on +44(0)121 414 8894 or at L.Clark.1@bham.ac.uk (<mailto:L.Clark.1@bham.ac.uk>) for further details about how to join our alumni Birmingham half-marathon team and other fundraising opportunities such as bake sales.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Tickell is cycling for the University