

Charity Fun Run Race to Campus

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Road Racers and fun runners of all abilities will be taking part in the University of Birmingham's 10th charity run which takes place on Sunday 14th October in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice.

An annual event at the University, the race has seen many people of varying standards and ages taking part and last year raised over £7, 500 for the Acorns charity - this makes a total of £50,000 raised at this event over the last 10 years.

The 5K race is likely to attract some experienced runners wanting to improve their times from previous races, however new runners and walkers are welcome to boost the numbers and help raise money for Acorns, irrespective of whether it takes 15 minutes or 55 minutes to finish the course. There is a first prize of £100 for both the men's and the women's sections as well as many other prizes including a veterans' prize section.

Peter Hinton from the University of Birmingham's School of Engineering and race organiser, says, 'We hope to see people of all ages on the day and welcome new participants each year. We often have runners in fancy dress which adds to the entertaining atmosphere of the event.'

Anyone can take part from serious athletes to mums, dads, children and senior citizens. There will be goody bags for all children who take part and all competitors will receive a medal. The course, around the grounds of the University's Edgbaston Campus, is traffic-free and safe for runners. The 5K race begins at 11.30am and the 2K fun run/walk at 12.15pm, both races starting from Chancellor's Court. Those wishing to take part can ring 0121 414 5329 for further information or can visit www.uni5K.org.uk

Ends

Notes to Editors

Photocall: 3 police men and women from Bournville Lane Police Station who are running in the race will be available for a photocall, in uniform, at 11am on Thursday 11th October at Chancellor's Court, University of Birmingham.

For further information

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