# Running in the Edinburgh Marathon 2011 with a little help from Oxfam

There are many ways of getting a place in the Marathon. You could get your own place of course, or you can get a charity place. You would have to be well into your training regime by now of course.......

How to get a place in the 2011 Edinburgh Marathon Festival — you can sign up to run for Oxfam...

#### Sign up for an Oxfam charity place

Oxfam is the Principal Charity Partner of Edinburgh Marathon Festival. To get a place just fill in the short form confirming your interest and they will be in touch telling you how to become an official Oxfam Edinburgh Marathon Festival runner.

As the Principal Charity Partner of the Edinburgh Marathon Festival, they are pleased to confirm there are **no entry fees** for any of their charity places.

You will be asked to raise a minimum fundraising pledge:

- Full Marathon charity place minimum fundraising pledge: £650
- Half Marathon charity place minimum fundraising pledge: £300
- 10km charity place minimum fundraising pledge: £150
- 5km charity place minimum fundraising pledge: £80
- Hairy Haggis Team Relay charity place minimum fundraising pledge: £750 per team

### Sign up for your own confirmed place

Entries for the 2011 Edinburgh Marathon Festival are now open. Apply today and tick the Oxfam box when asked if you'd like to run for charity.

#### **Get support**

If you have your own place (and didn't tick the Oxfam box when registering) you can still run for Oxfam. Just <u>let us know</u> and you'll receive your Oxfam running pack, along with all our support.

#### **Volunteering at the event**

Oxfam also need volunteers to help out at their cheering parties and our post-race reception, as well as masseurs and physios.

It's guaranteed to be a fun day out, and is a great chance to come and join Oxfam at Britain's second largest marathon.

## Supporting your run

Oxfam will be there every step of the way. Whether you run with them using one of our charity places or you use your own place, they tell us that you can bank on:

- An Oxfam running vest in stand-out green with a space to write your name
- A running pack full of fantastic fundraising materials and advice
- Regular expert advice via our newsletters to help you with all your training, nutrition and fundraising
- Supportive phone calls to make sure you're getting everything you need
- Running team support line we'll be there if you ever need a chat
- Timely email responses for any questions you might have
- Oxfam runners Facebook group to share thoughts and

advice

- A dedicated support team happy to help with anything you need
- On the day support we'll meet you before the race, cheer you on during the event and meet you at the finish line. We'll give you bags of moral support as well as recovery treats, massage and celebration at the end.
- Special Oxfam runners' access As principal charity partner all our runners will have exclusive access to certain areas on race day.

# About the 2011 Edinburgh Marathon Festival

Oxfam say:-"We're proud to be the Principal Charity Partner for the 2011 Edinburgh Marathon Festival. This is a fabulous festival which will see hundreds of Oxfam runners take to the streets of Edinburgh.

The Edinburgh Marathon Festival consists of several races including a full marathon, half marathon, 10km and 5km races and a marathon relay race — making it a great choice for first time runners or accomplished runners looking to achieve new goals. There is also a junior race — so all the family can get involved!

If you have any questions about the events you can get in touch with Oxfam's Edinburgh Marathon Festival project manager. Either by calling 01412 858878 or e-mailing EdinburghMarathon@oxfam.org.uk"

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