Staff and members at Leith Victoria Swimming Centre raise nearly £1000 for cancer charity

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Staff and members at Leith Victoria Swimming Centre have pedalled their way to raising almost £1K for a cancer charity, after completing a three hour RPMathon.

Fans of the hugely popular cycling workout RPM were keen to support the fundraiser for MacMillan Cancer Research.

The team at Leith Victoria decided to hold the RPMathon following the success of a previous event, which was held in memory of a popular member who was helped by the charity.

Mari Asher, Membership Advisor at Leith Victoria, said the team felt they wanted to do something to support MacMillan Cancer Research after learning about the important work they do and in honour of a member who had loved the RPM classes.

After advertising the event in the venue, members flocked to support the challenge.

Mari said: "I have been blown away by the enthusiasm of members. It was a great day and everybody just went for it.

"Three hours of RPM was hard work but huge fun and the atmosphere was brilliant. We are thrilled to have been able to do something to support a very worthwhile charity like MacMillan Cancer Research."

Leith Victoria Swimming Centre, which is run by not-for-profit company Edinburgh Leisure, holds a multitude of popular RPM

classes in its dedicated 20-bike studio.

Mari said the workout aids weight loss and improves stamina, and has proven a hit with Edinburgh Leisure members.

Three staff members and 18 members completed the RPMathon on Saturday, raising £950 to date.

Donations are continuing to come in and anyone who would like to show support is invited to donate at www.justgiving.com/LeithVictoria

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