## Enter for the Edinburgh Marathon Festival 2018 with an early bird registration

Early bird registrations are open till 11 June 2017 and you can reserve your place  $\underline{now}$ .

There are 9 races on offer over two days including the marathon, half marathon, team relay, 10k, 5k and junior races, so there is something suitable for all levels of runner.

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Picture by Lesley Martin

Over 30,000 runners entered this year's Edinburgh Marathon Festival last Saturday and Sunday. The sunny weather made for perfect conditions and Julius Kiplagat Korir from Kenya won a clear victory in 2 hours 17 minutes and 13 seconds.

The women's race was won by Kenyan Eddah Jepkosgei. She led from the gun to a six minute victory in 2 hours, 37 minutes and 46 seconds.

Local Scott Hutchison from Tranent was running for Arthritis Research UK and Pulmonary Fibrosis Trust, and to maximise his fundraising efforts he ran both the 5K and 10K races on Saturday and the half and full marathon on Sunday.

After the marathon Scott said: "That's probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my life, my body is absolute agony! Half way through the marathon was the hardest part of today, but I'm so chuffed that I finished and can't wait to put my feet up and enjoy a barbecue!"

Neil Kilgour, Edinburgh Marathon Festival Director, said: "2017 has been another incredible year for Edinburgh Marathon Festival with record-breaking performances, tens of thousands of participants and millions raised for good causes.

"We are proud to host a truly world class running event in Scotland's capital for people of all ages and abilities from across the globe. Congratulations to everyone who took part. Thanks for making the 2017 Edinburgh Marathon Festival one of the UK's greatest mass participation events. Come and see us again next year!"

More than 1,500 runners from the Edinburgh Marathon Festival Official Charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, took part and together with hundreds of other charities, are hoping to raise more than £5 million.

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