

# Changing Faces Fundraising E-Bulletin!

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## Changing Faces in the ASICS British 10K Run!

On 11th July, ten *Changing Faces* runners, plus accompanying friends and family, headed down to Hyde Park Corner to take part in the British 10K Run 2010. Given the heat on the day, and the length of the course, it was a tough day for the runners—but for me (Sophie Erskine, Public Fundraising Officer) it was a very enjoyable morning!

Our team consisted of ten fantastic runners: *Changing Faces* staff Sam Denyer (Officer for the East and South East), Ruth McLoughlin (Officer for the North) and Nikki Hall (Secondary School Educationalist), Sam's sister Melissa Adotevi, David Wyness, Naresh DeSilva, Ruth's sister Rachel McLoughlin, Becky Cunnane, Ben Spanos and Colin Wright!



Above are Sam and Melissa in Piccadilly Circus before the race, looking excited! To the left, they are joined by Claire, David, Naresh, Ruth, Rachel and Becky (who look jolly, if understandably a little nervous!), plus one of our young supporters on the day...

I set up camp at the finish line on Whitehall and was joined by Claire and Ruth's family to support our runners. All of them completed the race in good time, but, best of all, if we include Gift Aid, it looks like the event will have raised **over £2,500!**

## Changing Faces Advent Carol Concert 2010—save the date!

*Changing Faces* invites you to save the **30<sup>th</sup> November** for our Advent Carol Concert this year!

Join us at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, for a pre-concert reception, and then at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, for a celebration of the beginning of Christmas time!

Drinks and canapés will be provided at the reception. This will be a fantastic way to meet other supporters (and staff) of our charity – and, of course, to prepare your vocal chords for singing!

At the Concert itself, carols will be sung by The Vasari Singers and readings will be performed (subject to availability) by celebrity guests including Geoffrey Palmer, Donald Sinden and Jane Asher.

We very much hope that you can save this date for what promises to be a truly magical evening!



Regional News Special...



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We are proud to bring you a round-up of our nation-wide fundraising activity in the last few months—so you can see local *Changing Faces* activity where you are...

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England

The North

**Spotlight on...** David Vernon, who with a team of eight others took part in the Leeds-Wigan bike ride along the Leeds-Liverpool canal on 14th August.

The team completed the **88.5 mile** course in *one day*, which is astoundingly impressive!

David was inspired to support *Changing Faces* because he knows Lauren, the ten-year-old star who featured in our Face Equality Children's Campaign earlier this year (right).

At the time of writing, the team's fundraising total is **£1662.56** including Gift Aid, which is incredible! Best of all is the fact that National Grid have agreed to match contributions up to £400, which means the grand total could be **over £2,000**... absolutely amazing.



The Midlands

Colin Darling, our Midlands Officer, has been working hard in his region!

He has been getting in contact with area centres for Rotary International, Round Table, Lions International and Women's Institute, and a large church network in Birmingham, to offer them a speaker and a presentation for free. We very much hope some of them will take up his offer—and **if you know of any other groups who meet regularly and might like to find out about *Changing Faces*, just contact Colin at [colind@changingfaces.org.uk](mailto:colind@changingfaces.org.uk)**

In other good news, **thank you** to Wombourne Methodist Wives Group, who recently donated £140.

Next, Colin is thinking of organising a sponsored cycle day-ride in the Cotswolds.

**Would you like to help him?** If so, just get in touch using the email address above!

His efforts haven't stopped there: he has been working with a local HSBC branch to nominate us as their Charity of the Month!



Colin—our fantastic Midlands Officer!

Lastly, he is looking for people to join him for a fundraising walk next year, the **Dudley Trail**. This walk, where you choose a distance of either 6, 9, 18 or 24 miles, will probably take place on 8th May 2011.

The trail will be supported by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council and will have a series of checkpoints with first-aiders present. If you would like to get involved in this event, just email Colin (details to the left).

## Regional News Special—continued!



### South and South West

The South and South West office is now launched!

Sasha Holden, the officer for the region, hosted a lovely evening event on 26th July at the Bristol Aeroplane Workers' Association in Bristol. The event was sponsored by Rolls Royce, who supplied the wonderful venue and made a significant contribution to the cost of the buffet.

The evening was well attended, with representatives from the health service, local businesspeople, the Centre for Appearance Research and Outlook. There were brief, engaging talks from *Changing Faces* staff James Partridge (CEO and Founder) and Jon Williams (Head of UK Network), as well as from researcher Alyson Bessell and Natty Triskel from Outlook.

To promote the Face Equality campaign in the South and South West, **Sasha is looking for people to help her get face equality posters in regional tourist attractions.** If she could get ten people to contact ten attractions each, then that's potentially 100 more places the posters can be seen!

**If you would like to help Sasha with this, or any fundraising activity in the South and South West, or if you would just like more information, drop her an email—[sashah@changingfaces.org.uk](mailto:sashah@changingfaces.org.uk)!**



### East and South East

On 31st July and 1st August, *Changing Faces* was lucky enough to be represented at the Norton Hill Railway Weekend with three other charities.

Manning a stall at the event were: *Changing Faces* staff Jane Frances (Policy Adviser in Education), long-standing friend and local volunteer David Bird, and Carol Smith of Fab Faces, the face-painting company! You can see our fantastic stall above.

We chose to raise money at the event by employing Carol's brilliant face-painting skills and offering a range of games and challenges kindly provided by David. All the money raised by the four charities will be counted and then divided equally between us—we should know exactly how much will be donated to us in the next few weeks!

We are hoping that the amount is somewhere between **£1,000** and **£2,000**, and we intend to spend the funds raised on anti-bullying initiatives in the Norfolk region.

Thank you very much to **Jane, David, Carol** and to **Hazel Evans** of **Inner Wheel** (an organisation for the wives, sisters, mothers and daughters of Rotary and Rotaract members) for all their efforts with this event. They were all stars!

## Regional News Special—continued!

### Northern Ireland

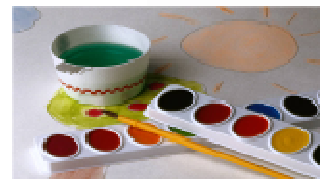
Jan Wright, our Northern Ireland Officer, has, as always, been busy inspiring groups in the country to raise funds for us!

On 25th August, she provided information on *Changing Faces* in Armagh. The event was a 'Family Fun and Information Day' and was held in The Recreational Ground, Cathedral Road. We're sure she managed to spread the word successfully!

Then, on 29th August, she provided more information on the charity at the Belfast Mela. This event, which is Northern Ireland's largest multi-cultural festival, took place in the beautiful Botanic Gardens—sounds lovely!

Lastly, Melanie Higgins, a *Changing Faces* volunteer from Enniskillen, has recently raised around **£300** for us by doing talks in her local area about our work. How fantastic! Thank you, Melanie!

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### Scotland

Gareth Jenkins, our Scotland Officer, has helped us to do lots of successful fundraising in the last quarter!

First, volunteer Linzie Nicol and a friend of hers participated in the British Skin Foundation's Walk for Skin in Fife on 13th June. All the Walk for Skin money will be coming to us next month. We look forward hearing just how successful our fundraisers were! Thank you, Linzie and friend...

Then, on June 19th, students from Stuart's Melville College in Edinburgh did a sponsored 'Scoot for Loot' and raised **£540!** To make the 'scooting' more fun, everyone dressed in purple. Thank you very much to the boys who took part, Mr Scott for organising the event, and Mr Irvine for demonstrating how to scoot properly! A great, imaginative fundraising event...



Next, we received an amazing donation of **£450** from customers in the **Morningside, Edinburgh branch** of **Waitrose**. This brilliant amount came to us purely as a result of donations from customers in the store – so **thank you** very much Edinburgh shoppers!

To continue our successes in Scotland, we received **£933.67** from **Aberdeen University Students' Association**. The Association chose us as one of the charities to receive a percentage of the total funds they raised during the year—so **many, many thanks** to Aberdeen students...

Finally, we are still looking for volunteers to do the Forth Rail Bridge Abseil in **October 2010** (date TBC). Last year, our four fantastic abseilers raised **over £2,000** from this event. You may have read about them in our November e-bulletin last year!

We are looking for at least four volunteers to take part in the same breathtaking annual event this year. Here's the bridge (left)—all 165 feet of it... Wow!

If you would like to take part in the abseil, just call Gareth on 0845 450 0640.

Thank you!

## NOTES AND THANK YOUS!

You haven't heard it all yet! Here's a round-up of just some of the amazing fundraising that's been going on, and the fundraising opportunities available to our supporters, to keep you going for the next quarter...

**Gift To Charity** is a new, simple and unique loyalty scheme that turns your normal debit or credit card into the ultimate loyalty card when you shop. Not only will *Changing Faces* benefit, you get cashback too!

After completing a **free** and **secure** registration at [www.gifttocharity.co.uk](http://www.gifttocharity.co.uk) and choosing *Changing Faces* to receive donations, you can shop **in store** at a dozen High Street chains with over 1000 outlets nationwide and **online** with 2100 retailers, service providers and utility companies...

Thank you to **Abdul Hai, Wenxiu Heng, George Hancock** and **Josh Allanigie**, who have volunteered with us recently.

Watch this space for more information on **Tony Stenning** from the **BlackRock's** who participated in the charity boxing match **'Square Up In The City'**. So far, if we include Gift Aid, the event has raised **more than £8,000**—absolutely **phenomenal**...

### Standing Orders!

Have you ever thought of setting up a **standing order** to regularly give to a charity? It can be any amount, small or large but standing orders are extremely valuable to *Changing Faces* as it means regular income and therefore enables us to plan for the future.

If you think you could afford to spare a few pounds a month, contact Sheila at [sheilad@changingfaces.org.uk](mailto:sheilad@changingfaces.org.uk) and ask for a standing order form to send to your bank. Many thanks for your support.

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### By the way...

How often do you think about your will? **Leaving a legacy to *Changing Faces***, whether great or small, could be one of the best things you could do with it.

Contact us using the details below for more information.

Take part in one of the exciting challenge events run by **Across The Divide** and raise money for *Changing Faces*!

Choose from one-day walks, dog sledding in Norway, trekking in Peru, China, Mount Kilimanjaro or India's Ladakh region, renovating a school in Namibia and extreme marathons and ultra-marathons around the world to get your fundraising started! Just visit [www.acrossthedivide.com](http://www.acrossthedivide.com) to find out a bit more about the opportunities in store for you...

### Oops!

In the last e-bulletin, I said that one of the pictures from the Ormeau Golf Club quiz on March 19th was of Paula and Jodie Hinds. It was actually of Imelda and Finnuala—Paula's sister and cousin! Sorry about that...



Thank you to **Soroptimist International Eastbourne and District**, who over the course of a year raised a stunning **£2,200!** Here they are, below, presenting their cheque to a very pleased James Partridge, *Changing Faces* CEO...



We have a brilliant new way for you to support our cause and win big prizes at the same time!

Play **happi 6**, our brand new, totally unique lotto game for as little as 75p a week, and get more than five chances per week at winning amazing cash prizes!

Go to [www.happi6.com/org/sophiee](http://www.happi6.com/org/sophiee) to pick your numbers and play...

If you are thinking of fundraising for *Changing Faces*, or you have been involved in fundraising in the past, we would love to see some photographs! Pictures are a great way to inspire others to give fundraising a go and it also means we can use them to say thank you, with your consent, of course.

Another way to support *Changing Faces* is to nominate us as your company's Charity of the Year. The following four companies have nominated us as their current chosen charity—thank you!



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