



Marcus Davies Takes on London Marathon for the British Skin Foundation



Local man, Marcus Davies, of Aberdare in Rhondda Cynon Taff is taking on the famous Virgin London Marathon to raise money for the British Skin Foundation. As a sufferer of both psoriasis and vitiligo Marcus, 42, wants to support a charity that raises funds for skin disease research.

Marcus will take on the 26.2 mile marathon past world-famous landmarks such as Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, The London Eye, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace on 26th April.

In order to reach his £2,700 target, Marcus will be fundraising at the following events:

24th January – ‘Rorkes Drift Rally’ Sponsored Walk & Collection from Hirwaun to Aberdare Football Club, Aberaman

13th February – Charity Auction Night, Legion House, Aberaman – Starts 7pm

Marcus explains *“I am extremely proud to be representing Team BSF at the London Marathon in April 2015. As a skin disorder sufferer with vitiligo and psoriasis, I want to raise awareness and show people it’s ok to roll your sleeves up, wear a pair of shorts, go swimming or to the gym – the real person is inside and that’s what matters.”*

The **British Skin Foundation** is the only UK charity dedicated to raising funds for skin disease and skin cancer research. There are **eight million** people living with a skin disease in the UK, some are manageable and others are severe enough to kill. Skin disease doesn't just affect the skin. It can have a huge impact on a person's day-to-day life, crush self-confidence, restrict movement, lead to depression and put a huge strain on families as well as personal relationships. Our unwavering commitment to funding quality research means we won't stop until we've found cures for common skin problems like eczema and acne through to potential killers like malignant melanoma.

**To donate items for auction at the Charity Auction Night
please contact Marcus via Facebook:**

www.facebook.com/pages/Marcus-Marathon-Challenge-London-2015/1495033547445755

To donate please text **MDAV49 followed by **£2, £5, £10** etc to **70070**
or visit <https://www.justgiving.com/Marcus-Davies-marathonchallenge/>**

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