

Dentaid Great North Run Success!

Twenty three runners completed the world's largest half marathon, the Great North Run, for oral health charity Dentaid this year in Newcastle. They joined a group of 50,000 other runners to complete the 13.1 miles from the Spital Tongues to the finish at the seafront in South Shields.

Dentaid had a mixture of first time and experienced runners in the race this year. Ian O'Leary completed the race in 1 hour 17 minutes, the quickest of all the Dentaid runners, followed by Mark Taylor who finished in 1 hr 28 minutes. All of the Dentaid runners successfully crossed the finishing line where they received medals and sports drinks to boost their flagging energy levels!

Due to the fantastic fundraising efforts from all the runners involved, this year's grand total looks set to top all previous ones. A special mention must go to dentist John Butterfield who reached over £1,000 in sponsorship and to David Oram, also a dentist, who raised over £2,000.

The money raised from the Great North Run will go towards Dentaid's work of improving the oral health of people across the globe. Dentaid is playing a vital role by promoting the benefits of good oral health, advocating the importance of fluoride, providing training to indigenous workers and supplying physical resources to improve the dental care of whole communities.

Luke Wordley, Chief Executive at Dentaid said "We would like to congratulate all of our runners for their achievements and fundraising efforts, without your continued support our work would not be possible, so thank you."

If you are interested in taking part in the Great North Run 2008 please contact fundraising assistant Felicity by emailing felicity@dentaid.org or calling 01794 324249.