**Run Garioch Welcomes their 2025 Charity Partners to the Garioch Sports Centre**

Run Garioch welcomed all their charity partners to Inverurie’s Garioch Sports Centre on Friday, helping them get their race-day fundraising campaigns off to a flying start.

This year Run Garioch will be working with six brilliant local charities, all looking for runners to take on the springtime challenge and raise funds for them: AberNecessities, Cash for Kids, CHAS, Community Integrated Care, Inverurie Community Partnership and Mental Health Aberdeen.

In exchange for guaranteed fundraising places for all race distances and helping to raise their profiles, Run Garioch’s charities will provide race marshals, water station crews and other essential help on race day, Sunday 11 May. They will also provide games and activities for runners and spectators, as well as insight into their work, in the Event Village.

Andrew Reid, Development Manager at long-term charity partners Community Integrated Care, said: "Run Garioch is such a well-established annual community event. It provides us with a fantastic opportunity to increase our profile in the local area and raise much-needed funds towards our vital work. The people we support always enjoy manning the water stations and cheering the runners on."

Danielle Flecher-Horn, the Founder of AberNecessities, encouraged all runners to consider making a real difference in their communities and supporting a charity when they signed up.

Flecher-Horn said: “We hope that 2025 can be the year that inspires both new and experienced runners to jump at the opportunity to register for this wonderful event. By doing so, please know that your efforts in training and raising funds can have the most powerful impact, whether that is for AberNecessities or for one of our esteemed fellow charity partners. Every penny raised will make the lives of so many, so much brighter.”

Kim Scott, Community Fundraiser for Children’s Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS), agreed on the difference charity runners can make.

Scott said: “CHAS is delighted to be chosen as a charity partner for Run Garioch again. We look forward to working with Run Garioch to make the event a success and hope all the participants enjoy taking part. We are also grateful to all the runners that choose to support CHAS and thank them for helping families whose children are seriously ill and may have short lives.”

Run Garioch’s newest charity partners are also looking forward to race day.

Libby Stainer, Fundraiser Coordinator for Mental Health Aberdeen, said: "Run Garioch is a fantastic event that brings local people together and we’re proud to be part of it. We’re excited about the opportunity to raise awareness and vital funds during our 75th year. Every step our runners take will directly support individuals in our community, helping us to provide the vital services they need."

Ingrid Baker, Vice Chair of Inverurie Community Partnership, added: “ICP is a relatively new charity with community at the heart of all we do. We are absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to play a small part in supporting this amazing event. It will give us the opportunity to raise our profile and, in turn, raise awareness of all that we do. Our volunteers cannot wait to cheer on those taking part and support in any way we can to make Run Garioch 2025 fantastic!"

Run Garioch’s Race Director, Graham Morrison, said he was delighted to have the support of six amazing charities this year, and acknowledged that the event – which includes the Mackie’s 5K, NFU Mutual 10K, McWilliam Lippe Half Marathon and CP&Co. Junior Run – could not go ahead without their support.

Morrison also urged all runners to consider running for one of the official charities, as well as taking advantage of all the support they offered runners on their fundraising journeys.

***More information about all Run Garioch’s charities and their good work is available on the event website (***[***www.rungarioch.co.uk***](http://www.rungarioch.co.uk)***) and during the online registration process.***