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| Lucy Anna Webster | | <p>Lucy is a single parent to a 10 and a 5 year old (both boys) and this year she is taking part in the adidas women's challenge for the first time and her children will be spectating, she is planning on wearing a large sonic the hedgehog costume as both her children love this character and is a bit of fun - hot fun but still fun, her eldest child has been under Guys and St Thomas hospital since he was born and is due two operations this year to remove part of his kidney and his urethra so she feels that she should run/walk/crawl or whatever for them, her other son uses a wheelchair part time as he has multiple difficulties and has also had his fair share of hospital visits over the years so she feels also that this is a good chance to put a bit back.</p> | <p>Lucy Webster lucy.webster@tesco.net</p> |
| Sherrie Bennett | HR Trust Charity | <p>Sherrie will be running with her sister Lisa and her 11 year old niece Megan in the aid of a fundraiser in memory of her son Declan Bennett. Declan was diagnosed with Haemohagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis a very rare disease of the immune system. Declan stayed in hospital for a total of 10 weeks while undergoing chemotherapy. In June 2009, on the way home from a check up at GOSH, Declan became very poorly and was admitted back to hospital. The doctors advised that the current treatment he was undergoing, was not working. They advised that the only solution was a bone marrow transplant. As Declan's mum, Sherrie was found to be the perfect match and the bone marrow transplant took place on August 24th 2009. They were pleased that the transplant took place when it did as this meant Declan would be home for Christmas. Declan spent many weeks in the transplant ward in an isolated room, there were many ups and downs, but Declan was finally discharged in December 2009. However during the early hours of Christmas eve, Declan was taken to the local hospital with breathing difficulties and then transferred to GOSH. He was admitted to intensive care where he was put on a ventilator and a kidney dialyses machine. He spent his last few days with his family by his side. Despite putting up a brave fight battling HLH, his little body could no longer cope and he died on January 5th 2010. They will be running the 5k challenge in memory of Declan with a big smile on their faces it show everyone the courage that he had.</p> | <p>Sherrie Bennett sherrie150@btinternet.com</p> |

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| Tania Poppleton | | <p>Tania will be running in memory of her 10 year old son Leon, who passed away very suddenly with Encephalitis (swelling of the brain) They had been on holiday for a week and had been back 2 days when Leon got a pain above his eye in the early hours of the morning. Over the next 2 days Tania took him to a walk in medical centre, the doctors, called NHS direct and went back to the hospital twice. No one seemed to know what the problem was and the doctor thought it might be a migraine. Leon was slowly getting worse and was vomiting which he had never done in 10 years. At 1 o'clock in the morning at the hospital in A and E he started fitting and never recovered. They ran lots of tests and that day they whizzed him up to King's College Hospital in London to ITUC. He had a massive heart attack where he passed for 12 mins before they brought him back. He had brain surgery to drain some of the poison from the brain but his little body had, had enough. It was a week start to finish but he passed on 17 August 09. He would have been 11 in the September and this year he would have been 13 years old. It turned out that he had Sinusitis but it had caused his brain to swell as the fluid has gone up to his brain. It was bacterial Encephalitis and it is so rare they cannot even put a number on how many people get it. Tania is also thinking of starting up a namesake charity but she is still working on the details.</p> | <p>Tania Poppleton andoh@blueyonder.co.uk 0208 274 2471</p> |
| Rainbow Coloured Caterpillar | Rainbow Trust | <p>Rainbow trust have a team of around 30 runners taking part in a 'Rainbow coloured Caterpillar' costume, it will be connected with hula hoops and materials. They have a big team and other participants will be walking/running alongside for support.</p> | <p>Paul Kwatia Paul.Kwatia@rainbowtrust.org.uk 01372 2200166</p> |
| Sian Bull | Leuka | <p>Sian has run many races in London and has run the adidas 5k challenge the last two years. All this has been whilst being treated for Leukaemia. She interrupted her treatment long enough to become pregnant, give birth and breast feed for a while, before going back on her tablets. She's about 35 years old and an accountant by profession. Her mother (Petra Willbourne), sister in law and mother in law (Kris and Jean Bull) are also running. Sian was put on Glivec whilst a donor was sought for a stem cell transplant. Glivec didn't work and a donor wasn't found, so she was put on another aromatase inhibitor which is having the desired effect of gradually reducing the disease to what we hope will be an acceptable level.</p> | <p>Karen Linfield k.linfield@imperial.ac.uk 0203 313 3238</p> |

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| June Hanwell | Leuka | June is the grandmother taking part again this year, her daughter (Julie Green), granddaughter (Ellie-Rose Green), Plus friends are also running. June is also on tablets which are working for her and giving her an excellent quality of life. June's husband Frank was pounced upon by Lesley Joseph last year and interviewed. | Karen Linfield k.linfield@imperial.ac.uk 0203 313 3238 |
| Amanda Jones, 66, Surrey | Breakthrough breast cancer | Amanda sadly lost her daughter Becs to breast cancer when her sister was 32 and has since been a keen supporter of Breakthrough. Amanda and her other daughter Camilla wanted to do something positive to honour Becs and have taken part in the Women's Challenge together for the past 4 years. | Sarah Viner sviner@breakthrough.org.uk |
| Sarah Bettini | Breakthrough breast cancer | This will actually be her 11 th Hyde Park 5k run, she took up running after her mum died of breast cancer in 1999 and started fundraising for Breakthrough. She has also done 11 Race for Life's since then as well. Because of her mum's history, Sarah thought she'd better have a mammogram before she reached 50 and her GP agreed so he referred her in 2005. You can imagine how devastated she was when a cancerous lump was detected. She had surgery and radiotherapy, followed by 5 years of tamoxifen and was given the all clear last year. She was incredibly lucky with the timing – any earlier and the lump would have been too small to detect; any later and who knows what might have happened. She carried on running throughout her treatment and after 2 failed attempts (through injury during training) finally got to run the Virgin London Marathon this year with her husband. They both ran for Breakthrough and raised nearly £1,500. What better way to celebrate her all clear and her half century! | Sarah Viner sviner@breakthrough.org.uk |
| Louise Scarle | Breakthrough breast cancer | Louise feels that what the Breakthrough charity does is amazing and the money goes to a great cause. She has also taken part in the Bupa 10,000 for the first time this year for Breakthrough and has a place for next year. As for raising money she doesn't know many people and finds it hard to raise much compared to others, but she raises what she can and donates some herself as every little helps. She tries and take part in 2 to 3 events for Breakthrough each year. Louise quotes 'There are many people who have been directly affected by breast cancer and it's a good feeling to know I'm a small part of raising the money that could change peoples lives.' | Sarah Viner sviner@breakthrough.org.uk |

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| Anne Murray | Breakthrough breast cancer | <p>Anna has run the adidas 5K for the last five consecutive years, she had also run many other running races for cancer charities, she continues to support all cancer charities and children's cancer charities, This is because her sister, mum, cousin, aunty have passed away from breast cancer. Close friends, a friend's child and sister have all survived cancer. Every race/ walk she has participated in she has fundraised for since 1998. She has done several coffee mornings but running is her main fundraiser. Raising between £500 and £2000. But her highest fundraiser was her 1st London marathon in 1999 raising over £5000 for Macmillan. Her two daughters will be supporting her on the day.</p> | Sarah Viner sviner@breakthrough.org.uk |
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| Anna O'Neill | <p>Anna is looking forward to participating in the adidas women's 5K challenge for the 12th year. This will be a special race because it will be in memory of her mum Kathleen who suffered severely for rheumatoid arthritis over 25 years and her sister Brigid. But also it was in 2001 her sister Brigid joined Anna in the race for the second and sadly the last time because sadly she passed away just a couple months later in November 2001 after suffering and epileptic seizure in the bath at home. Anna will always remember how happy she was to participate in the race and at the start they held hands to show our love for their mum not knowing this to be the last time they would be able to do this. After a short while they let go of each others hands and carried on running and Brigid walked. It was an enjoyable race and Anna finished the race with a smile on her face. She collected her goody bag and put her medal around her neck very proud of what she had achieved. She waited for Brigid to cross the finishing line. She came along looking happy. Anna went with her to collect her goody bag and medal. They then wore their medals with pride and went back and ran across the finish line together wearing their very special medals with a sense of pride of what they had achieved for their mum. A lovely photograph was taken as they ran across the finishing line together. It has got a special place in Anna's heart. It is framed hanging up in her bedroom and she looks at it remembering her special little sister Brigid whose life was so tragically cut short. That is why she is raising funds for Arthritis Research UK and Arthritis Care in memory of her mum Kathleen, the same charity as in 2001. Anna misses her sister being with her and part of a special day but she will continue to enjoy participating in the adidas Women's 5K Challenge and raise as much funds for different charities as possible</p> | Anne O'Neill, brian.bourne1621@o2.co.uk |
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| Beth Johnsson | <p>Beth is walking for her little girl, Hannah, who is now 4 years old. Hannah was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome on 3rd February 2010, just before her 3rd birthday. She was born after a totally normal pregnancy and was a perfect little girl. Developing normally and showing all the promise and potential every parent dreams of. However, then her development started to slow and some skills seemed to deteriorate. At around 18 months Beth started to involve professionals in our search to find out what might be wrong. For many months they were told that she seemed to simply be delayed and that they should give her time to catch up. However, Beth then became pregnant again and wanted to be sure that there was no genetic problem, so they pushed for testing and eventually they were told that she had tested positive for Rett. At the time they knew nothing about it, but the journey of the last 18 months has shown them just how cruel and devastating a syndrome it is. Beth could write endlessly about the impact Rett has had on Hannah and on their lives. Beth is walking instead of running as she is just over 7 months pregnant.</p> | Beth Johnsson beth.whitley@gmail.com |
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