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GMB backs Jo Cox run for 2023

The Jo Cox charity run returns this summer with GMB Union unveiled as the headline sponsor.

The 2023 Run for Jo, in memory of Jo Cox – the Batley and Spen MP who was murdered in her constituency in 2016 – is now in its seventh year.

The event takes place on Sunday, 25 June 2023 at Oakwell Hall in Birstall.

Organisers hope a record number will sign-up to take part.

It will be one of the key events of The Great Get Together which will be taking place during the same weekend.

Hazel Nolan, GMB Regional Secretary, said:

“We are very honoured at GMB Union to be part of the Jo Cox charity run, in memory of Jo.

“She was killed doing her job, a job she loved, representing the people in the area where she grew up and that is something we must never forget.

"Like Jo, we believe that by communities coming together in unity, we can help create a better and more tolerant society.

“We stand in solidarity with Jo’s family and anyone else who wants to make the world a better and more equal place."

Kim Leadbeater, sister of Jo Cox and MP for Batley and Spen, said:

“Seven years since Jo’s murder, it is heart-warming that so many events continue to take place as part of her legacy, especially here in Batley and Spen.

“I’m delighted that GMB Union is the headline sponsor once again and am very grateful for their support, we couldn’t do the event without them.

“The Run for Jo at Oakwell Hall and Country Park is a very special event for our family and the local community, and the volunteers from ‘More in Common Batley and Spen’ have done their usual amazing job of pulling it all together as part of the Jo Cox Foundation’s ‘Great Get Together’ campaign.

“I encourage everyone to get involved with the Run For Jo, whether it is the 2.5km Fun Run, Cross-Country Challenge or by running virtually wherever you are in the world. Sign up now and I hope to see you on Sunday, 25 June.”

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