



## Jo Cox charity run returns this summer

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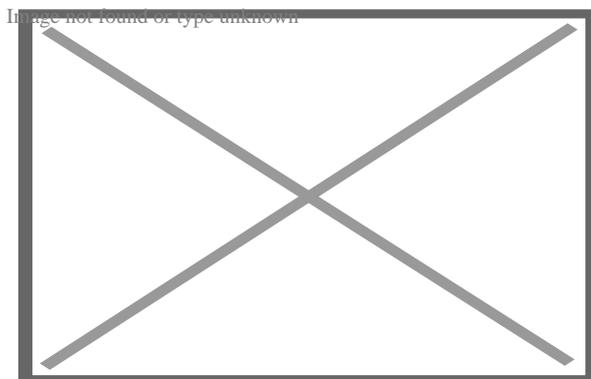
The Jo Cox charity run returns this summer with GMB unveiled as the headline sponsor.

The 2022 Run for Jo, in memory of Jo Cox – the Batley and Spenningsdale MP who was murdered in her constituency in 2016 – is now in its sixth year.

The event takes place on Sunday, 26 June 2022, and returns to its spiritual home of Oakwell Hall in Birstall for the first physical run since 2019.

Organisers hope a record number will take place this year.

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



**Cath Pinder, GMB President for Yorkshire & North Derbyshire region, said:**

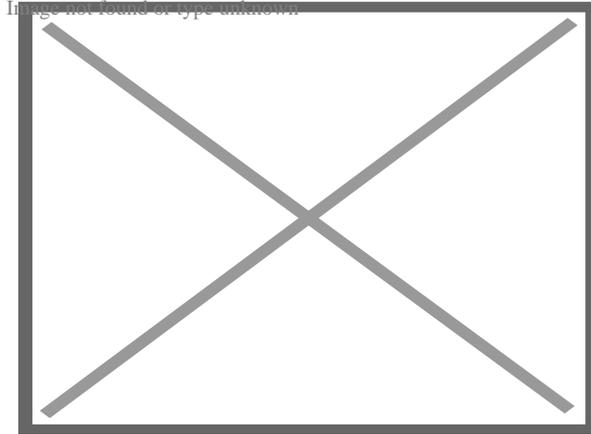


“We are so proud to sponsor the Jo Cox charity run.

“It’s such a fitting way to remember Jo and everything she stood for.

“And like Jo, we believe that by communities coming together in unity they can help create a better world.

“It’s fantastic that the run is back on at Oakwell and we hope that runners and spectators alike flock to Oakwell Hall and make the Run for Jo 2022 an amazing GMB community event for everyone.



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

“I am delighted that the Run for Jo will take place in real life at Oakwell Hall and Country Park and that GMB Union is the headline sponsor once again.

“The volunteers at 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, taking place on Jo’s birthday weekend in June.

“The event was held virtually in 2021 for the second year running with thousands of people taking part locally, across the country and around the world.

“This year it will be fantastic to see people back at Oakwell taking part in person, as well as being able to join in wherever they are in a new virtual 10k for those who live further afield.

“My family is incredibly grateful to everyone for joining in with the

“Run for Jo to remember her and show the power of physical activity to bring people together.”

