



**Charity exhibition highlights message of Anne Frank
during Hate Crime Awareness Week**

Press release

A thought-provoking exhibition which brings the message of Anne Frank into the 21st Century will see young people, educators, police officers and community leaders come together in London's east end today (Oct 17th), for an event to mark National Hate Crime Awareness Week.

Anne Frank + You, presented by education charity the Anne Frank Trust UK, with funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government, draws on themes from Anne's diary that have a strong contemporary resonance - such as opposing racial hatred, and the value of freedom - to create a thought-provoking, stimulating and reflective experience for visitors to The Art Pavilion in Mile End, the venue for the exhibition's London run before it embarks on a UK tour.

Exhibition guides will include pupils from local Swanlea school who have been through the Trust's renowned Schools Programme - which uses the life and diary of Anne Frank to educate young people about the dangers of prejudice and discrimination, and equips them with the skills and confidence to challenge it - and have gone on to become Anne Frank Ambassadors for the charity: spreading Anne's message of hope and humanity within their local communities.

Also at the event, London-based artist Orly Orbach has created an original, collaborative installation - on the theme of books as substitutes for people - which invites visitors to share their thoughts on the exhibition in a short diary entry thereby creating a growing work that reflects the impact of *Anne Frank + You* upon its audience.

Robert Posner, Chief Executive of the Anne Frank Trust UK said: *"This is a really important and relevant exhibition which promises to get people thinking about the danger to society of prejudice and discrimination not just historically, but now. At a time when hate-crime is on the rise, and hate speech is becoming common-place - particularly online - it's vital that we understand where intolerance, and hatred of others can lead. We hope visitors to the exhibition will take some of that understanding away with them."*

Lord Bourne, Minister for Faith, Department for Communities and Local Government said: *"The Anne Frank Trust has been tireless in making sure that young people in Britain learn the lessons of a terrible time in human history, so poignantly recorded by Anne Frank. This exhibition will keep up their valuable work by delivering this powerful message to a new audience."*

"It's important that we all continue to tackle hatred and prejudice. Anne Frank's legacy is that her story helps us do this with people of all ages including children and young people."

Anne Frank + You runs at The Art Pavilion, Mile End, London until 29th October before embarking on a tour that takes in Walsall; Leicester; Rotherham; Newcastle and Taunton.

THE LAUNCH EVENT BEGINS AT 6.30PM SPEECHES SCHEDULED AT 7.00PM.

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The Anne Frank Trust UK

Prejudice and discrimination harms individuals, communities and society. The Anne Frank Trust UK is an education charity. We use Anne Frank's life and diary to empower young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination. We partner with schools, local authorities, criminal justice education services and others, to deliver education to young people in a variety of settings, predominantly in schools. Our interactive and impactful programme includes an exhibition of Anne Frank's life and diary combined with workshops, peer education and an ambassador programme.

The Anne Frank Trust UK was established in 1991 by family and friends of Otto Frank, following his wish for an educational organisation to be set up in memory of his daughter Anne.

Independent research has shown that the Anne Frank Trust's Schools Programme increases students' levels of confidence and respect for others. Our latest annual review and impact report can be found here:

https://annefrank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/AFTrust_ImpactReport2016_LR.pdf