



## Charity exhibition on UK tour brings Anne Frank's message to Leicester

Press release

A thought-provoking exhibition which brings the message of Anne Frank into the 21st Century will be visiting Leicester as a part of its UK tour. Anne Frank + You, presented by education charity the Anne Frank Trust UK, in partnership with Leicester City Council, draws on themes from Anne's diary that have a strong contemporary resonance - such as opposing racial hatred, and the value of freedom and education - to create a thought-provoking, stimulating and reflective experience. Previous locations have been Walsall and London - where the exhibition was launched in October.

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

Lucy Glennon, Director of Strategy at the Anne Frank Trust UK said: "Anne Frank + You is a hugely important exhibition. We all know that hate crime is on the rise, and sadly, we are encountering hate speech more and more often - especially online: it's therefore crucial that we recognise the dangers of prejudice and discrimination and realise the importance of educating ourselves about hatred historically and today. We hope visitors to the exhibition will reflect upon its themes and think critically about prejudice more widely afterwards."

Leicester's Deputy City Mayor Cllr Piara Singh Clair said: "It may be over 70 years since Anne Frank wrote her diary, but the themes of this exhibition are still relevant today.

"As we continue to challenge prejudice, intolerance and discrimination in our society, 'Anne Frank + You' gives us an opportunity to learn from the past and reflect on our lives today.

"I'm pleased that we have been able to work with the Anne Frank Trust UK to bring this exhibition to Leicester and I'm sure that it will prove to be an invaluable educational resource for our schools and young people."

Anne Frank + You will be at The New Walk Museum and Art Gallery from 22 December until 31 January 2018, with Leicester City Council running school workshops throughout. The exhibition will then move on to Rotherham, Newcastle and Taunton as a part of its tour.

**Ends**

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### Notes to editors:

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](#).