



## Anne Frank's family album inspires Newcastle's youth to get creative in challenging prejudice

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Young people from Newcastle inspired by the family photography of Otto Frank – father of the world-famous diarist - are behind a unique charity exhibition that launches in the city today (6 September).

Anne Frank + Us – created by young people in association with anti-prejudice education charity the Anne Frank Trust UK - will be displayed at Byker Community Centre alongside Anne Frank & Family: photographs from the Frank family album - taken by Otto himself - that poignantly illustrate the early life of Anne and her sister Margot.

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Cllr David Down, will officially open the parallel exhibitions which by juxtaposing historical and contemporary content illustrate how the young photographers behind the more recent work have interpreted Anne's life and early experiences through their own lens.

School pupil Summer, aged 14, said: "I think by being involved in this project I have gained a deeper understanding of prejudice and discrimination.

"The experience has been good for me as it has brought out my abilities in my writing, my confidence in public speaking, and being able to share my ideas with other people: I think I'm more likely to challenge prejudice and discrimination now."

Grace Dunne, the Anne Frank Trust's North East Regional Manager, who has steered the Newcastle-based project for the charity said: "The Anne Frank Trust has been working in Newcastle since 2011, and we have built up some wonderful relationships with schools in that time.

"We are delighted that, thanks to National Lottery Funding from Big Lottery Fund, we have been able to both continue this work, and expand it into the youth and community sector. This has given young people the opportunity to explore issues of identity and community in their own lives, and creatively express their response to Anne's words and her legacy."

Over 5500 young people in Newcastle have benefited from exhibitions and workshops held by the Anne Frank Trust since it began operating in the city. The charity has trained 179 young people to deliver exhibition tours and workshops to their peers, and of those has created nearly 100 Anne Frank Ambassadors – young people empowered and inspired to take forward Anne's message of social justice and equality for all.

*Thursday's launch event runs from 6pm – 8pm.*

*Anne Frank + Family/Anne Frank + Us is at Byker Community Centre, Headlam St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 2DX until Monday 1 October.*

**Ends-**

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### **About 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. [www.annefrank.org.uk](http://www.annefrank.org.uk)