



Dundee's young people take centre stage in anti-prejudice exhibition launch event

A thought-provoking exhibition which explores the life and modern legacy of Anne Frank launches today (7 June) at *Dundee Central Library to help mark the 10th anniversary of the charity behind it.

Anne Frank + You, presented by anti-prejudice education charity Anne Frank Scotland, in partnership with Dundee City Council, draws on elements from Anne's life and diary that have a strong contemporary resonance. The result is a thought-provoking, stimulating and reflective experience for visitors – one which examines themes including the nature of prejudice, and the value of freedom and education.

The launch event has been organised - with support from Anne Frank Scotland's staff - by a steering group of teenaged Anne Frank Ambassadors: young people who through their engagement with the charity's educational programmes have been inspired and empowered to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination, and have gone on to become vocal proponents of Anne Frank's message of social justice and equality in their schools and local communities. Several of them will take centre stage at the event, delivering speeches, presentations and songs. In the last decade Anne Frank Scotland has created over 400 such Ambassadors from the tens of thousands of young people it has worked with.

Speakers at the launch event – which takes place days before what would have been Anne Frank's 89th birthday (12 June) – include:

- **Anne Frank Ambassadors from Dundee secondary schools***: the young people will deliver presentations on Anne Frank, and issues facing young people today.
- Tim Robertson: new **Chief Executive of the Anne Frank Trust**
- Paul Clancy: **Executive Director of Children and Family Services, Dundee City Council**
- Nick Hobbs: **Head of Advice and Investigations, Children and Young Persons Commissioner's Office**

One young Anne Frank Ambassador, from Baldrigon Academy said: "Working with Anne Frank Scotland has changed me a lot. It's made me more empathetic - I understand the struggle that a lot of people had. It's a really powerful project, that I am proud to be a part of."

Eilidh Lean, Anne Frank Scotland Project Officer said: "Our young people unfailingly amaze and inspire us through their commitment, honesty, insight and enthusiasm for

their work: sharing Anne's story and challenging prejudice within their schools and communities."

Tim Robertson said: "We are delighted to bring the hugely important exhibition Anne Frank + You to Dundee to help mark 10 years of our work in Scotland. As we are all too aware, hatred and the language of hate are still prevalent in our society today. In some areas - and particularly online, where young people are so vulnerable - it is widespread. It's therefore crucial that we recognise the dangers of prejudice and discrimination, and realise the important role education has in challenging it. We hope visitors to the exhibition will reflect upon its themes and think more critically about prejudice afterwards."

Paul Clancy said: "Anne Frank + You is a great vehicle to show off the skills of our young people in Dundee, to share a story of hope, and a message of respect. No matter your religion, race, political persuasion - everyone deserves respect, the freedom to be who they are, and the opportunity to realise their full potential. It's a message that sits well with Dundonians who have a long history of tolerance and reaching out to those who are oppressed."

*Young people taking part in the event are from local schools including Baldragon Academy; St John's RC High School, Harris Academy, Grove Academy, St Paul's RC Academy, Craigie High School, Braeview Academy and Morgan Academy.

***EVENT DETAILS:**

Dundee Central Library
The Wellgate
Dundee
DD1 1DB

5.30pm - 7.30pm

A ribbon-cutting photo opportunity will take place at 6.50pm.

Ends -

Notes to Editors.

Anne Frank Scotland is an anti-prejudice education charity that launched in 2008. It is part of the Anne Frank Trust UK. In the decade since it has worked with tens of thousands of young people in schools, prisons and young offenders institutions across Scotland, using Anne Frank's life and diary to educate young people about the dangers of prejudice and discrimination, and empower them with the skills and confidence to challenge and resist it. In the last 10 years Anne Frank Scotland has shown almost 60,000 school children and college students round its exhibition: Anne Frank – A History for Today; it has created over 4000 exhibition peer guides, and created 410 Anne Frank Ambassadors .

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