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Holocaust Survivor Freddie Knoller Presented With Anne Frank Award

The Anne Frank Trust UK presents Freddie Knoller with a Lifetime Achievement Award to commemorate his work on behalf of the Trust in schools and prisons across the UK. Freddie continues to inspire thousands of young people with his powerful story, and by his own count, has spoken in over 500 schools since he started sharing his story in the 1990s.

In a ceremony at the Trust's offices in Kentish Town on Wednesday 17th February; Freddie told his remarkable story to staff. He recounted how he had fled Austria when the country was annexed by Nazi Germany, before moving to France, where he was imprisoned once again, before escaping from prison and joining the French Resistance. When he was captured again in 1943, he refused to betray his comrades in the Resistance and was then deported to Auschwitz, before finally being liberated from Bergen Belsen in 1945.

He was presented the award by Gillian Walnes MBE, the founder and Vice-President of the Trust, and Robert Posner, the Trust's CEO. Among those staff at the ceremony was Education Project Officer Aimee Hardy, who remembered that she had heard Freddie speak at her school 10 years ago.

Presenting the award, Robert Posner said: "Even at 94, Freddie tells his story with boundless enthusiasm, and we hope that he can continue to support the Trust by telling his story for many years to come."

Steve Gadd, the Prison Project Manager added: "Freddie is a bit of a rebel and a fighter, and that's why he's been able to tell his story with such spirit, and impact the lives of so many offenders."

Notes for editors:

- 1. The Anne Frank Trust UK** is a not for profit educational charity set up in 1990 by British family and friends of the late Mr Otto Frank, drawing on Anne Frank's life and diary to empower young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination. The Trust partners with schools, local authorities, criminal justice education services and others, to deliver education to young people in a variety of settings, predominantly in

schools. The interactive and impactful programme includes an exhibition of Anne Frank's life and diary, combined with workshops, peer education and an ambassador programme. Last year, the Anne Frank Trust worked with 40,000 young people. www.annefrank.org.uk

2. **Freddie Knoller** is a Holocaust survivor, who speaks extensively about his experiences, and who has written two books: *Living with the Enemy* and *Desperate Journey*. For more information about his extraordinary story please see <https://www.het.org.uk/survivors-freddie-knoller>.