



Working together for a safer London

The Anne Frank Trust UK and Metropolitan Police to join forces in tackling hate crime

Statement

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The Anne Frank Trust UK is pleased to announce a partnership in principle with the Metropolitan Police to promote an educational approach to tackling prejudice and discrimination in the capital. Starting in Camden and Islington, the partnership will build on the work the education charity is already doing with the Department for Communities and Local Government as part of the Government's Hate Crime Action plan.

The Trust has delivered its renowned schools programme in over 130 schools in London in the last 10 years. It currently works with around 7000 young people each year in the capital's schools and other institutions empowering them with the skills and confidence to challenge all forms of hatred.

Borough Commander Catherine Roper said:

"I am delighted that the Metropolitan Police Service will be working with The Anne Frank Trust to enrich our schools' engagement to support and empower young people to challenge and tackle all forms of hatred. London is a wonderful city with culturally diverse communities, and every person deserves to be treated with respect and kindness. The Metropolitan Police service does not, and will not, tolerate hate crime of any sort – and working with The Anne Frank Trust is a fantastic opportunity to work in partnership to tackle prejudice and discrimination."

Robert Posner, Chief Executive of the Anne Frank Trust UK said: "This new partnership marks an important next step in the approach to tackling hate crime – long-term – in the capital, and I look forward to its development. Only through education can we truly change attitudes, and have a deep and lasting impact on behaviour."

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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 that uses 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