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## New Chief Executive for anti-prejudice education charity The Anne Frank Trust UK

The Anne Frank Trust UK has announced that its new Chief Executive will be Tim Robertson. He will take up the position in early June 2018.

Tim has a track record of working with children and young people in disadvantaged communities, with particular expertise in using literature and exhibitions as vehicles for social change. He has led transformational developments of other charities, notably for 9 years as the Chief Executive of The Koestler Trust for arts by offenders, and most recently as the Director of The Royal Society of Literature. For example, he grew the annual Koestler Exhibition for arts from prisons from a display in a church hall to a high-profile programme of exhibitions and events across the country at venues including London's Southbank Centre, with ex-offenders trained as curators and tour-guides.

Tim began his career as a child protection social worker in Camden Council, and went on to set up the borough's Sure Start programmes, creating a £5 million partnership of community-led services for young children and their families. Tim is now Vice-Chair of Governors at Regent High, a Camden secondary school, and an Elder in the Quaker Meeting where he and his husband worship at Friends House, Euston.

**Tim Robertson said:** "I can think of no more urgent a need in our society than to end prejudice, and no more powerful a springboard for achieving that end than the courageous life and passionately honest writing of Anne Frank. I feel honoured and excited to be joining the charity that fulfils this vital national role. I'm looking forward to leading The Anne Frank Trust UK through the next phase of its growth alongside its trustees and staff, its many friends and supporters, and above all the young people it inspires."

**Daniel Mendoza, Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Anne Frank Trust, said:** "We're thrilled that Tim will be our new CEO. He brings a wealth of relevant experience and a real passion for our values and vision of a society safe from all forms of prejudice and discrimination. The need for our work today is greater than ever, and we have every confidence that Tim will lead the Trust to even greater impact in the next stage of our development."

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### Notes to Editors

#### 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)