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The Department for Education awards the Anne Frank Trust UK funding to help tackle hate-related incidents in schools

The Anne Frank Trust UK is delighted to be awarded with funding from the Department for Education to develop its anti-bullying debating resources. The Trust will deliver a range of workshops to 30,000 young people in primary and secondary schools across the country, with the aim to empower them to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

The Anne Frank Trust believes that hate-related bullying amongst young people can be tackled by empowering young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to challenge all forms of prejudice. A lack of respect and empathy for people of different races, cultures, religions and country inevitably leads to bullying in school. Educating young people to critique their own prejudices at an early stage of life where they are forming their opinions empowers them to challenge hate-related attitudes. This will tackle hate-related bullying and help to build a society safe from social discord.

Robert Posner, Chief Executive, said “we know from working with over 40,000 school children every year that prejudice and discrimination form the basis of much hate-related bullying and cyber bullying in the modern age. With the support of the Department for Education we will be able to improve our resources and reach even more young people across the country, working towards a society safe from prejudice and discrimination.”

Support from the Department for Education will help the Trust develop their anti-bullying workshops to create a safe space to promote debate and dialogue about issues of prejudice, discrimination and hate-related incidents in school.

For more information about the Anne Frank Trust UK’s work, visit www.annefrank.org.uk.

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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.

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About the Anne Frank Trust Schools Programme

Independent research has shown that The Anne Frank Trust's Schools Programme increases students' levels of confidence and respect for others. The full impact report is at www.annefrank.org.uk/impact-report

About Anne Frank's diary

Anne Frank and her family were forced into hiding in 1942 to escape persecution by the Nazi occupation. While in hiding for two long years, she kept a diary documenting her thoughts, hopes and dreams. Her father, Otto, was the Frank family's sole survivor. Fulfilling his daughter's wish to become a writer, Otto decided to publish Anne's diary, so that people would remember his daughter and the millions of other men, women and children who lost their lives in the Holocaust.