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The Anne Frank Trust's response to US election result

This morning's news that Donald Trump is President Elect of the United States is has been surprising for many commentators, pollsters and the ordinary public in the UK. Many commentators have noted the similarity between this result and the result of the Brexit referendum.

It is true that many of Trump's rallies and rhetoric have incited hate of 'others' and division. We have seen over the past months many of Trump's supporters espousing hatred and prejudicial views.

But it is important to remember that, as with Brexit, very many people who have voted for him are not prejudiced, hate-filled people. Many of them are people who feel unsafe and disenfranchised; economically, politically and socially.

Now is a time, both here and in the USA for ordinary people to come together and ensure that extreme views, divisive policy and toxic rhetoric do not overtake our world.

Change can provide opportunities. All people who voted should keep their eyes and hearts open. History has shown us that blind faith in a leader can lead to horrific consequences. But peaceful, strong and sensible voices of opposition from all walks of life can be a protective force.

The Anne Frank Trust UK will continue to work with tens of thousands of children across the UK, from all backgrounds, faiths and ethnicities, to create a network of Anne Frank Ambassadors. Our Ambassadors are able to critically question what they see and hear, and understand the true dangers and consequences of unchecked prejudice and hatred.

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