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&
The Anne Frank Trust UK



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The European schools' premiere of *No Asylum:
The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story*



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Dear guests,

Welcome to Solihull School's Bushell Hall for the European schools' premiere of No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story, to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2019.

Following the relatively recent discovery of letters written by Otto Frank, this powerful film maps a father's desperate attempts to find asylum for his family. Their protracted struggle to escape the horrors of the Holocaust is told for the first time, reaffirming at every turn a need that remains to this day – for society to reject all forms of prejudice and discrimination. No Asylum is a very stark and timely reminder of what can happen when we don't.

Since its publication in 1947, Anne Frank's seminal diary has been read by millions across the globe and her words continue to resound loudly with the unfolding world events of today. Sadly, from workplaces to school playgrounds, prejudice, discrimination and racial hatred still exist.

Solihull School and the Anne Frank Trust UK share a goal to educate young and old about the dangers caused by prejudice and hatred, and so too do the four remarkable Holocaust survivors we will hear from today.

Eva Schloss and Nanette Blitz-Konig, who we will hear from via video message, both played with Anne Frank as a young girl. Tomi Reichental and Mindu Hornick are great friends of the school who have previously, and most generously, helped us to commemorate the victims of genocide and to learn vital lessons for the future.

All four survivors were torn from home and bear witness to the immeasurable suffering inflicted by the Nazis. After liberation they battled to rebuild their lives, having lost so much of what was dear to them. All four also remain deeply committed to educating young people about the circumstances which led to the Holocaust and the atrocities that followed.

We are truly honoured to have the opportunity to hear from them today; a day to remember the many millions of victims of genocide and to honour the struggle of all survivors; a day also to champion community cohesion and to embrace diversity.

Thank you for accepting our invitation.

DEJJ Lloyd
Headmaster, Solihull School

Tim Robertson
Chief Executive, The Anne Frank Trust UK



Born in Vienna, Eva Schloss moved to Belgium after Hitler annexed Austria, and eventually to Amsterdam. Following the Nazi invasion of Holland, she and her family were forced into hiding. After two years they were betrayed, arrested and sent to concentration camps. Her father and brother did not survive. The posthumous stepsister and a childhood friend of Anne Frank, Eva has written three books and educated tens of thousands of people across the globe about the Holocaust. Eva is a co-founder of the Anne Frank Trust UK and in 2012 she was awarded an MBE for her services to education.



In 1944, aged 9, Tomi Reichental was sent to Bergen Belsen concentration camp. When he was liberated on April 15, 1945 there were tens of thousands of decomposing corpses lying in piles on the ground. Having been unable to speak of his experiences for over half a century, he has spent the past decade tirelessly campaigning against xenophobia and racism; promoting reconciliation and the rejection of bigotry. Tomi continues to fill his time ensuring that the victims of the Holocaust and genocide are not forgotten and that the survivors, condemned to remember their past, are heard.



Birmingham's only Holocaust survivor, Mindu Hornick was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in 1942 at the age of 12 with her mother, her brothers and her sister. They were immediately separated on arrival and she would never again see her mother or brothers from that day forwards. For over fifteen years Mindu has strived to educate young people about the horrors of the Holocaust and to raise awareness of genocides that have occurred elsewhere in the world. We are honoured that Mindu planted the Anne Frank tree sapling on our school grounds in 2015.



Born in Amsterdam in 1929, Nanette was deported to Bergen-Belsen with her parents and brother in 1944. Upon liberation 14 months later, she was the only surviving member of her family and barely alive. She spent three years in hospital and in 1953 moved to Brazil with her husband John. Nanette studied at the Pontificia Universidade Catolica of São Paulo, graduating as an Economist in 1986 and an interpreter of English and Portuguese in 1991. Nanette was a childhood friend of Anne Frank. Her book Holocaust Memoirs of a Bergen Belsen Survivor recounts her wartime experiences.

This photograph is of a piece of artwork that hangs in the foyer of our Bushell Hall and was put together for Holocaust Memorial Day 2017. It was created using the handprints of Solihull pupils and staff, in the shape of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust flame. By using handprints to form a larger shape, we'd like people to remember the individual victims of the Holocaust and other genocides. Each victim had their own family, friends, hopes and dreams. The artwork is a symbol for our school community, and school communities everywhere, to consider how we can all strive to make the world a more tolerant place.



The Anne Frank Trust UK was established in 1991 by friends and family of Otto Frank, following his wish for an educational organisation to be set up in memory of his daughter Anne. The charity is part of an international Anne Frank community and has exclusive rights to use Anne Frank's life and diary in the UK to educate young people about all forms of discrimination.

Using Anne Frank's inspirational story and message of equality and social justice for all, we educate young people to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence, so they understand the very real dangers of prejudice. We work with young people across 7 regions of the UK, ensuring our participants become more positive and socially active citizens in their schools, their communities and online. They develop empathy towards others and critical thinking, and are empowered to recognise, resist and challenge prejudicial attitudes and discriminatory behaviour.

We partner with schools, local authorities, the criminal justice sector and others to deliver our education programmes in a variety of settings. We also produce online teaching resources, an innovative online platform for Anne Frank Ambassadors, and work with partners to create new social engagement opportunities for our beneficiaries. The Anne Frank Trust UK is recognised and supported in its work by The Home Office, The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the Department for Education.

Otto Frank said that, 'To build a future, you have to know the past'. By continuing to use Anne's story and inspirational diary to connect with the very real problems of today, the Anne Frank Trust is helping tens of thousands of children across the UK to do just that, and to build a future that is free from prejudice and discrimination.