

## ANNE FRANK TRUST NATIONAL

The Independent featured an article about the Anne Frank Trust and its Ambassadors programme as part of their HMD coverage on 22 January.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/schools/holocaust-memorial-day-anne-frank-trust-encourages-pupils-to-discuss-prejudice-and-discrimination-9993726.html>

BBC Radio 4 featured the Anne Frank Trust in the programme “Anne Frank’s Trees” on 27 January. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05077kb>

Hon Life President Eva Schloss was interviewed on BBC News on Holocaust Memorial Day.

Gillian Walnes wrote a blog for the Huffington Post which was featured on the Huffington Post Home Page on 27 January. “A 70-Year-Old Voice That Still Has the Power to Make Us Change”.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/gillian-walnes-/holocaust-memorial-day\\_b\\_6555782.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/gillian-walnes-/holocaust-memorial-day_b_6555782.html)

Ceri Eldin wrote a blog for the Huffington Post which was featured on the HP Home Page on 30 January. “Contemplating forgiveness of the unforgivable”.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/ceri-eldin/holocaust-memorial-day\\_b\\_6580608.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/ceri-eldin/holocaust-memorial-day_b_6580608.html)

The Anne Frank Trust Lunch to mark Holocaust Memorial Day was attended by 600 members of London’s business community and featured a poignant candle lighting ceremony and interview by Holocaust Commissioner Natasha Kaplinsky of survivor Eva Schloss.

Gillian Walnes, Robert Posner attended the Mayor of London’s HMD event at City Hall.

Robert Posner, Gillian Walnes, Sara Pollins, Siama Khan, Ceri Eldin attended the national HMD ceremony at Methodist Central Hall.

## ANNE FRANK TRUST SCOTLAND

Heather Boyce and Katie Allen organised the following events:

- Kyle Academy, South Ayrshire, and Larbert High School, Falkirk ran the History for Today exhibition and peer education programmes for their HMD commemorations. Each school engaged with around 800 participants.
- Katie represented the Trust at the national commemorations in Ayr on 27th along with guides from Kyle Academy and met with Nicola Sturgeon, Leader of the SNP.
- Heather led the University of Stirling's HMD commemorations on 27th. The University is running a ten week programme, launched on the same date, focusing around *A History for Today*.

## ANNE FRANK TRUST NORTH EAST REGION

Grace Dunne helped to organise a two-week Anne Frank programme to mark HMD at Northumberland Church of England Academy in Ashington, on behalf of the Dioceses of Newcastle and Durham and with the Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.  
<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/ashington-anne-frank-trust-exhibition-8475925>

- Grace spoke at Newcastle Council of Faiths and shared the stories of the Hardarga and Kavilio families (<http://www.cjnews.com/news/family-rescues-their-rescuers>)
- Pupils including Anne Frank peer guides planted at Anne Frank tree
- Workshops were run by Grace, Alicja Bialecka from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Sister Mary from the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oświęcim, Rabbi Lipsey and Deanna Van der Velde
- Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper visited the school, which also hosted visits from secondary and primary schools across the region.

It is planned that some of our Anne Frank peer guides are going to be able to visit Auschwitz later in the year.

Meanwhile, our freelance educator Anya ran our Anne Frank programme at Biddick Academy in Washington, Tyne and Wear. The school organises a week of Holocaust and other genocide survivor speakers every year, so that by the time pupils have reached Year 11 they will have heard from five speakers.

## ANNE FRANK TRUST YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE REGION



York Minster January 2015

Grace Nelson and Abigail Box organised the following events:

- The exhibition Anne Frank, A History for Today was staged at York Minster from 26th Jan- 1st Feb for school groups and general public.
- We will be staging a postponed (due to illness) HMD event for students and educators at York St John University.

## **ANNE FRANK TRUST NORTH WEST REGION**

Marian McQueen and Francesca de Sando organised the following events;

- They worked with Alsop High School in Liverpool as part of their month-long project 'Respect 2015', launched in the school on 7th January by the Bishop of Liverpool. A group of 6th Form students who had visited Auschwitz with HET, invited Zigi Shipper to speak to an invited audience at the event and to a school audience the next day.
- The History for Today exhibition was then moved to the Church of St.Luke the Evangelist, at the heart of the local community. Students from Alsop High School plus three of their local primary partner schools worked with the exhibition in this location.
- A special HMD commemoration was held in the school for an invited audience of 300 to include seven schools the Anne Frank Trust has worked with since September, and future schools. The students also led a shorter HMD event in the adjacent church the following evening.
- A similar project to mark HMD is taking place in February when both Zigi Shipper and the Anne Frank Trust are visiting St.John Bosco High School, Liverpool.

## **ANNE FRANK TRUST LONDON REGION**

- Anne Frank Ambassadors from Kingsford Community School in Newham and Frances Bardsley Academy for Girls in Romford prepared their own HMD assemblies to deliver in their schools on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Swanlea School in Tower Hamlets Anne Frank Ambassadors also delivered an HMD assembly to their peers.
- Anne Frank Ambassador Eve Meskell, age 13, delivered a powerful address to guests at the Anne Frank Trust's annual fundraising lunch on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

## **ANNE FRANK TRUST EAST REGION**

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- Val Ross was at Longsands Academy, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, where she delivered assemblies on the theme 'Keeping the Memory Alive', with a focus on Anne Frank, to 900 KS3 pupils. She also delivered workshops in conjunction with visits to the

History for Today exhibition to 120 year 6 pupils from three primary schools in St Neots.

- Val represented the Trust at a youth symposium for Year 9s on 'The Power of Memory' at Anglia Ruskin University, lit a candle at Cambridge City HMD Commemoration and attended a performance of Etty, the dramatisation of the diaries of Etty Hillesum including a post-performance discussion with Susan Stein, Rowan Williams, Ed Kessler and Mike Levy, organised by the Woolf Institute.

#### **ANNE FRANK TRUST WEST MIDLANDS**

- This is the Trust's newest region and worked in schools in this region commenced in January 2015. Donna Magher attended the HMD ceremony at Birmingham Town Hall & Symphony Hall.