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The Anne Frank Trust takes its flagship ‘*Take a Stand*’ exhibition to Henlow Church of England Academy.

The Anne Frank Trust UK will take its flagship educational programme ***Take a Stand*** to Henlow Academy from 2nd March 2015.

The two week programme draws on the life and diary of Anne Frank to empower young people to challenge prejudice and discrimination, and promote responsibility and respect for others.

The exhibition also showcases other inspirational people such as Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Gandhi who have all shown moral courage against injustice and prejudice.

The programme provides leadership development for young people in secondary schools by training them to be exhibition guides, encouraging them to teach others the legacy of the diary and to understand the damage caused by hatred and prejudice. .

Val Ross, Eastern Regional Manager for the Anne Frank Trust, commented: “In our experience, and working with over 30,000 young people each year, Anne Frank’s diary continues to inspire and speak directly to them, providing opportunities to learn and reflect on the consequences of prejudice and discrimination. The ***Take a Stand*** exhibition prompts us to think and question what our responsibilities are to make a real and lasting difference to our communities.

“We are delighted to be working in partnership with the Diocese of St Albans to promote active citizenship, community engagement and positive attitudes.”

“People will always follow a good example; be the one to set that example then it won’t be long before others follow.”

Anne Frank

Notes to editor:

1. Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt Germany in 1929. Following Hitler’s election in 1933 she fled with her family to Amsterdam to escape Nazi persecution. There she had a very happy childhood until the Germans invaded Holland in 1940. The family went into hiding above her father Otto Frank’s business in July 1942 until their arrest in August 1944. On her 13th birthday, Anne was given a diary, in which she recorded her thoughts and feelings before and while in hiding. After the war her father chose to publish her diary as means to challenge the ideology that

wiped out his family. Anne, her sister Margot and mother Edith all perished in the camps before liberation.

2. First published in 1947, the diary has sold over 30 million copies in over 60 countries and been translated into over 70 languages.
3. The Anne Frank Trust UK is a registered charity and is the partner organisation of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. It runs travelling exhibitions and educational projects across the UK and educates over 30,000 young people a year. The trust works in schools in seven regions, including the East England where it works in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

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