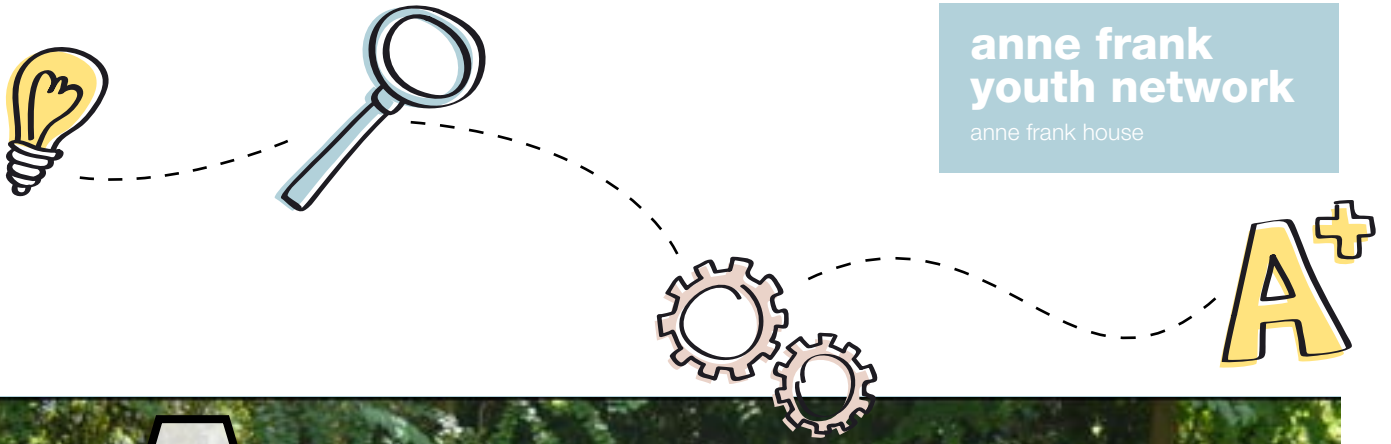


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# Anne Frank Youth Network

*Your voice against discrimination, prejudice and racism*

**The Anne Frank Youth Network  
is a growing global network  
built on volunteering**





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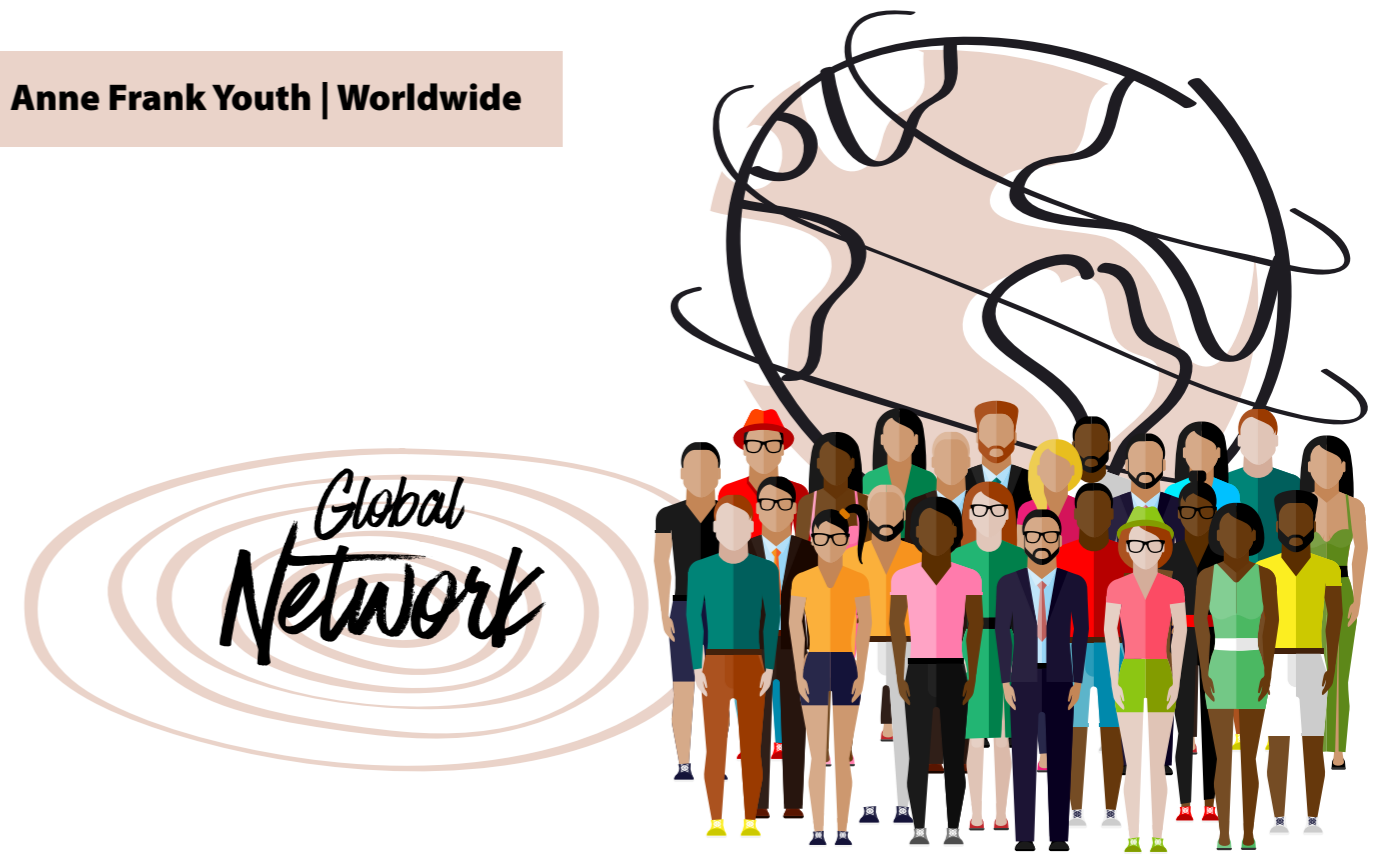
### The Anne Frank House Mission Statement

The Anne Frank House is an independent organisation dedicated to the preservation of the place where Anne Frank went into hiding during the Second World War, and to bringing the life story of Anne Frank to the attention of as many people as possible worldwide with the aim of raising awareness of the dangers of anti-Semitism, racism and discrimination and the importance of freedom, equal rights and democracy.



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### Anne Frank Youth | Worldwide



**Worldwide the Anne Frank House and its partner organisations have worked with over 500,000 young people and every year more than 6,000 young people from over 50 countries volunteer as peer educators. Many young people who participate in our educational activities around the world express a strong desire to do more and continue once they complete a workshop – so, we created the Anne Frank Youth Network.**

This growing network exists to actively engage and support young people in continuing the work they find important. Young people do this through learning how to organise educational activities and make a positive contribution to society. Young people act as peer educators; this is when youth teach other youth.

These activities aim to raise awareness of the dangers of anti-Semitism, racism, prejudice and discrimination in society, and the importance of active citizenship. On the following page you can see examples of what peer educators have done in their respective countries.





Dzifa and Mimi celebrate the success of their project

**In the Netherlands**, Dzifa and Mimi placed a sofa in the middle of a main square in Amsterdam to provide strangers a place to speak to each other. Their reason behind this was that a lot of the problems between people come from the fact that they don't know each other - 'If you don't know the other person, it's much easier to have prejudices towards them, which makes it easier to insult one another. For example, when you walk in a very busy shopping street, you see a lot of people, but you forget they're all individuals with their own stories'. With this project they wanted to show that when citizens actually talk to each other, they can be pleasantly surprised by what happens, which will give them new ways of thinking and a positive feeling. They served tea and biscuits to those who shared their sofa.



Dori guides participants around the exhibition she and Simon created

**In Hungary**, Dori and Simon created their own exhibition called 'A Bundle of Contradictions'. The panels consisted of Anne's thoughts and ideas as a young, vivid, creative girl, who had to go into hiding, and who was deprived of freedom. Through the exhibition, they presented various forms of discrimination. They took the panels to different high schools, where they held workshops for youngsters aged 13-18 years old. During the interactive exercises they addressed the dangers of discrimination, racism and anti-Semitism.



Members of the Anne Frank Youth Network gain life changing experiences and develop important skills by working towards creating educational activities that address issues in their local communities. The Anne Frank Youth Network has 3 levels. See below to understand what happens in each Level.



**Entry Level**

The Anne Frank House and its partner organisations offer various programmes to youth all over the world. Once you have completed one of these workshops and express an interest to continue, you can apply to be part of the Anne Frank Youth Network.

These programmes include:

- Peer guiding one of the travelling exhibitions
- Memory Walk
- Free2Choose-Create
- Ambassador / Youth Team programmes
- Other Anne Frank House Partner organisation programmes

Those who move to the next level sign a manifesto to commit to following the values of the Anne Frank Youth Network.

**Level 1**

Being accepted in Level 1 means you have the opportunity to attend a 2 day training where you learn how to create your own educational project on issues that matter to you. When you leave the training, you will use what you learnt to implement your educational project.

This Level provides:

- Two-day training on how to teach about WWII and the Holocaust, identity, prejudice and discrimination, and how to organise your own project
- Opportunity to meet other peer educators from around the country
- Member ID that officially allows you to represent the Anne Frank Youth Network
- Membership of the Anne Frank Youth Network by signing a mandate
- Official profile on website
- Exclusive access to the online community



**Level 2**

In this final track you use your skills to mentor new members and can apply for adult volunteering positions.

- Apply for volunteer roles in activities from the Anne Frank House and partner organisations
- Be part of the Alumni Network which will give you further access to learning opportunities
- Independently organise more educational projects
- For the most committed, international opportunities become available

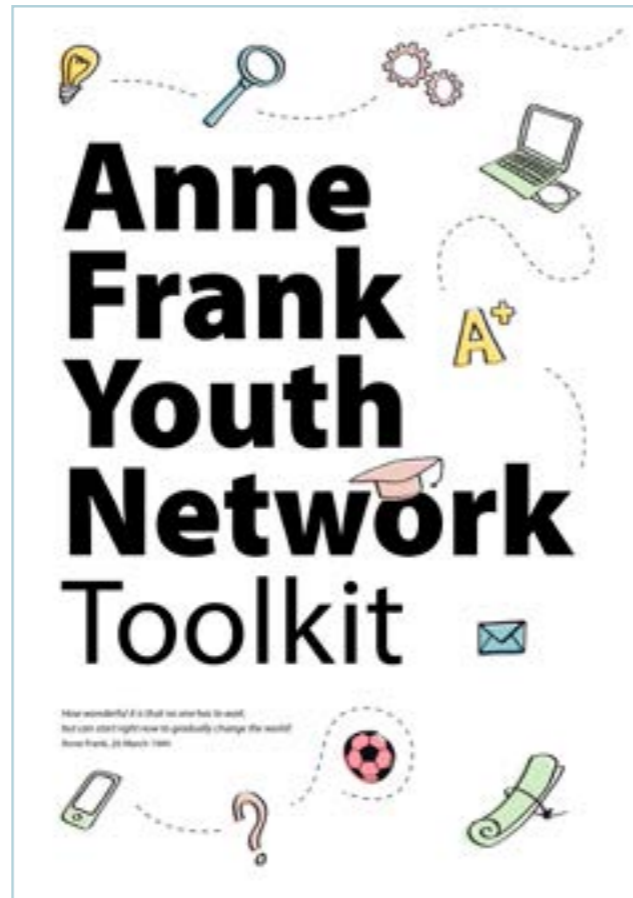


## Your Educational Project | The toolkit

To guide members through their educational projects we have developed an interactive toolkit. This toolkit provides a set of interactive resources and case studies to help you develop, plan and execute your educational activity.

This is where members can learn more about Anne Frank and the history of her time, and their relevance for today's world. Members can play a major role in sharing this knowledge and its relevance with your peers.

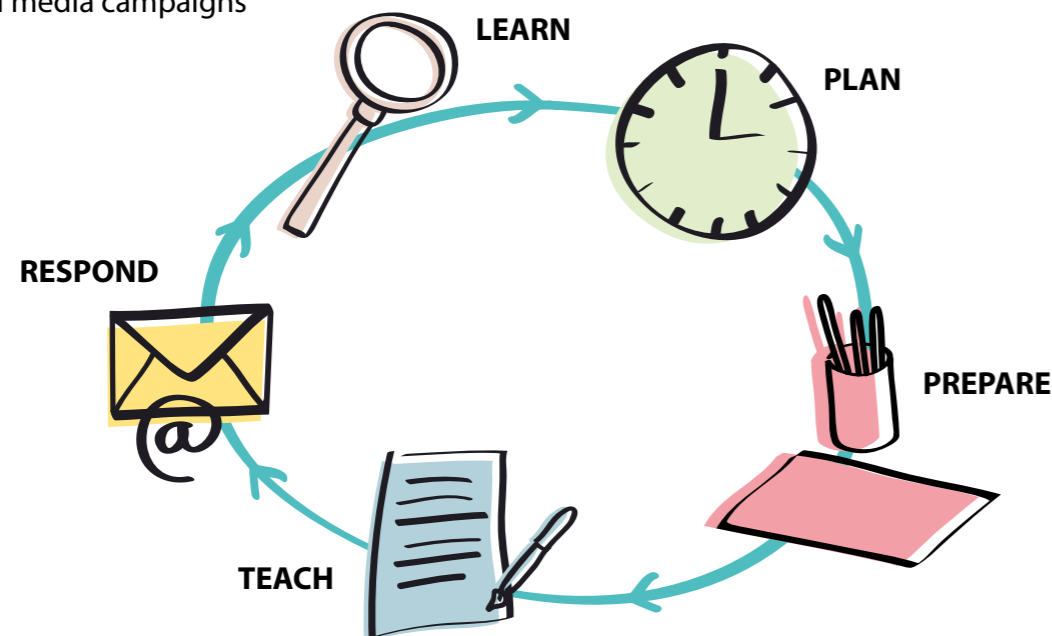
The content is split into five sections – learn, plan, prepare, teach and respond – which cover the different stages of executing your educational activity. Each section contains information as well as a worksheet to fill in, along with testimonies of other peer educators sharing how they themselves went through these steps running their own projects.



With the support, direction and guidance from experienced members of the Anne Frank Youth Network and experts from their country, members are encouraged to lead themselves, organise their own educational activities, and work towards making a difference in today's society

Members can expect to organise educational activities from the toolkit relating to:

- Learning about the history of Anne Frank in the context of the Second World War and the Holocaust
- Challenging discrimination and prejudice
- Understanding the values of equal rights
- Organising events
- Arranging social media campaigns

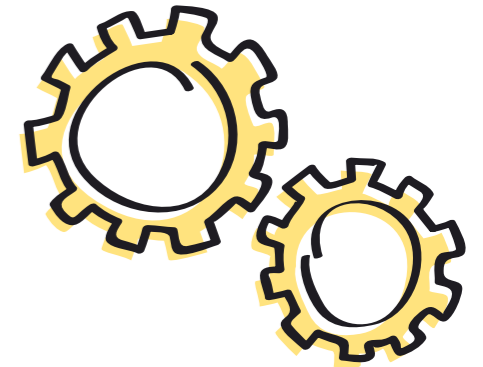


## Skills for life | Impact

Members identify and develop important life skills that will set them apart from their peers as they enter the professional world – and the challenges that come along with it.

These important life skills include:

- Leadership skills
- Problem solving skills
- Responsibility
- Team work
- Communication skills
- Pedagogical skills
- Project management skills
- Taking initiative
- International experience



## Get involved | Today!

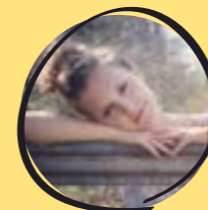
This is your opportunity to be part of an international network of young people who are inspired by Anne Frank and who respond by organising a series of educational activities to fight discrimination, racism and anti-Semitism. You can find out more by visiting [www.annefrank.org/AFYN](http://www.annefrank.org/AFYN) Or, if you have any questions, or would like more information on how to get involved, please send a mail to [young@annefrank.nl](mailto:young@annefrank.nl)

## What members of the Anne Frank Youth Network have to say



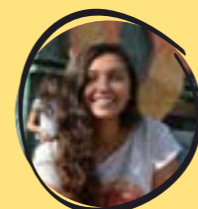
*"We need to motivate students to make the next step and to participate in different projects like being volunteers, to pass the knowledge to others"*

Elena | Russia  
Project | I know, I can, I will



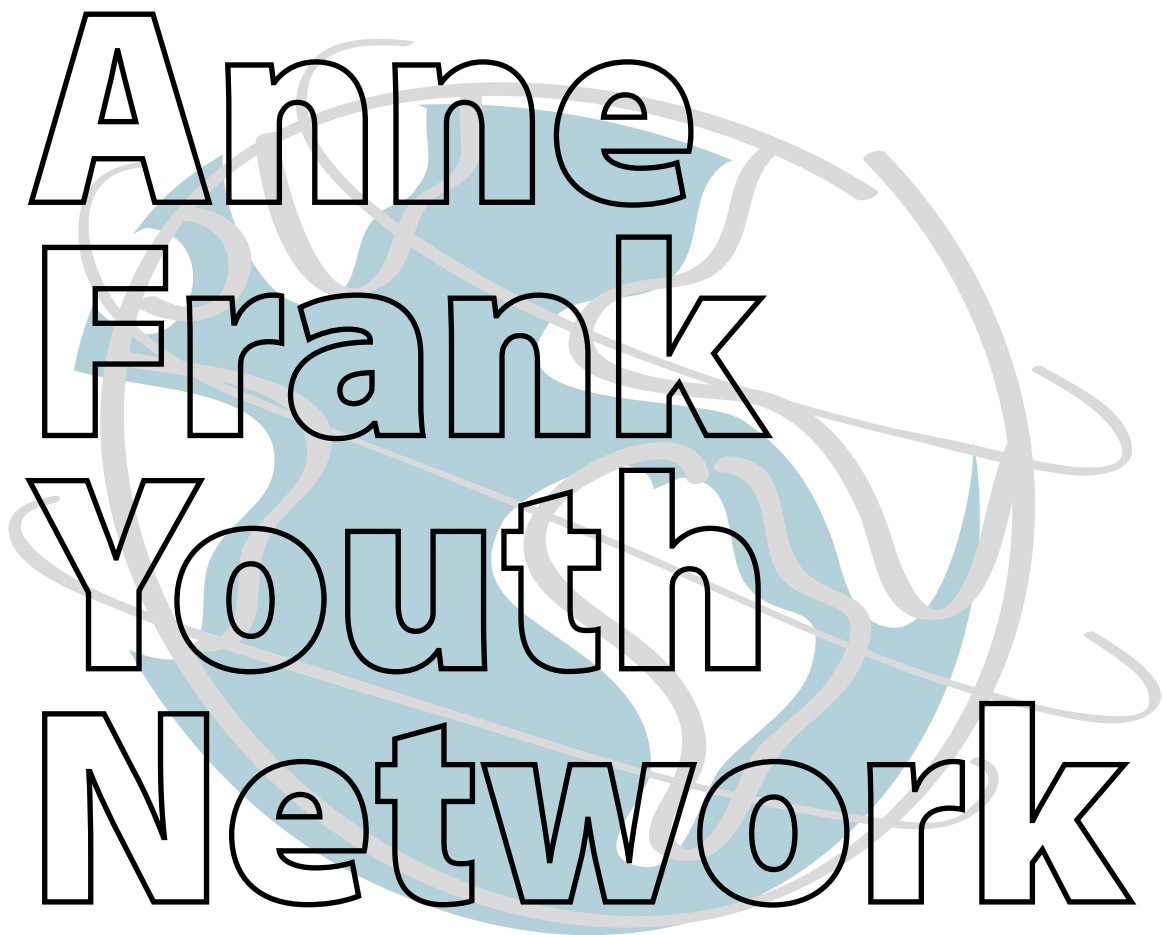
*"We want to make youngsters think about how Anne Frank's story is part of our present because out there are still problems in our world and we need to think what we can do about it"*

Rebecca | Italy  
Project | Traveling Exhibition, Anne Frank – History for today, in Bologna



*"I think that Anne represents youth, young people who are engaged with change and that they also have consciousness and that leads to action"*

Marylaura | Costa Rica

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