

The Anne Frank House, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

“How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world.”



Mission Statement

“The Anne Frank House is an independent organization entrusted with the care of the Secret Annex, the place where Anne Frank was in hiding during World War II and where she wrote her diary. It brings the story of her life to the attention of people all over the world to encourage them to reflect on the dangers of anti-Semitism, racism and discrimination and the importance of freedom, equal rights and democracy.”

Anne Frank House in the World

Inspired by the content of Anne Frank's diary, the Anne Frank House develops projects worldwide relating to the Holocaust, human rights education, promoting tolerance and diversity. The main target group of these projects have been students aged 13 upwards, and their teachers.

The Museum

The house where Anne Frank and her family were hiding opened as a Museum in 1960. The first year 9.000 people came to visit. In 2016 there were 1.3 million visitors who came from 145 different countries.

Educational projects

***Key concepts that steer the educational programs are
Critical thinking and Making the past relevant to the present.***

Traveling exhibition

The exhibition "Anne Frank - A History for Today" tells the story of Anne Frank, with the Holocaust and World War II as a background.



After visiting the exhibition students can discuss the content with the Anne Frank House staff or at school. Different areas of the school curriculum can be related to the project, such as English Literature, Social Studies and History.



Peer guide training

During a 2-3 day peer guide training, a selection of students are trained as exhibition guides who can educate visitors about the history of Anne Frank, the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance.



Teacher education

In teacher seminars, innovative ideas for teaching the story of Anne Frank, the Holocaust and Human Rights are presented.

Anne Frank now on to Bangladesh

On 23 February 2015 an Anne Frank Exhibition opened at the National Museum of Dhaka. The initiative for this educational project was taken by the Bangladesh Ambassador in the Netherlands, Sheikh Mohammed Belal, and the Minister for Cultural Affairs, H.E. Mr. Asaduzzaman Noor, who visited the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam in November 2014. They both expressed a wish to set up an Anne Frank project in Bangladesh because they think that the issues that are being addressed - how to deal with cultural, ethnic, religious and political differences in society - are also relevant to Bangladesh.

As Anna felt from her captivity the sufferings of the millions, the people of Bangladesh could not sympathise more with her as they themselves were victims of genocide. The genocide committed against Bangladesh in 1971 is widely considered to be one of the worst crime against humanity in recent history. For the younger generation in Bangladesh, Anna could be the fountain source of inspiration as they try to implement the elements of peace and tranquility that Bangladesh's Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman dreamt of them.



The ceremony was officially opened with a welcome address by the Director General Faizul Latif Chowdhury, of the Bangladesh National Museum.

There were speeches by Loes Singels and Hasib Haq of the Anne Frank House Amsterdam; Martine van Hoogstraten, Deputy Head of the Embassy of The Netherlands in Dhaka; Honorable Minister of Finance Abul Maal Abdul Muhith MP, Honorable Minister of Cultural



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Affairs Asaduzzaman Noor MP and Mr. Tariq Ali of the Liberation War Museum.

The exhibition was on display on 24th, 25th, 27th and 28th February 2015.
In total 2682 visitors (students and the general public), viewed the exhibition.



Comments from visitors to the exhibition

. I feel I'm a citizen of this global world. I believe humans cannot be identified by their religion and race.

. Exhibition and documentary should be in Bengali to be more effective and should reach out to remote areas in Bangladesh as well.

. It would be good if there were some copies of the Anne Frank Diary for students to read/borrow.

Anne Frank in Bangladesh – January 2018

The Anne Frank House team will be back in Dhaka from 16th to 22nd January 2018 through the kind support of The Bangladesh Embassy in the Hague, the Embassy of the Netherlands in Dhaka, the Liberation War Museum and Counter Foto in Dhaka.

The Anne Frank House team will conduct several educational activities for students (peer guide training and Memory Walk) and teachers (Teacher Seminar) between 17th and 19th January.

The opening of the Anne Frank exhibition will be on 20 January at the Liberation War Museum.

From 21st to 27th the exhibition will be open to schools, teachers and the public.

We look forward to a successful presentation of the Anne Frank exhibition and related activities in Dhaka, which we hope will produce an ongoing interest to take the Anne Frank project to other areas of Bangladesh in the future.

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