



SOLIHULL



*“Just when you thought you'd heard every vital story about the Holocaust, along comes the stirring documentary **No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story** to shine further light on one of history's darkest periods.” LA Times*

No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story – 2:00pm 21 January 2019

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2019, Solihull School and The Anne Frank Trust UK are very pleased to invite you and a group of your students to the European Schools' premiere of the highly acclaimed documentary *No Asylum: The Untold Chapter of Anne Frank's Story* (<https://noasylumfilm.com/>) and to a Q&A afterwards with Holocaust survivors Tomi Reichental and Mindu Hornick. You and your students are also cordially invited to view the Trust's *Anne Frank: A History for Today* exhibition (<https://annefrank.org.uk/education/a-history-for-today/>) in our George Hill Building before the screening from 1.15pm until 1.45pm.

Tomi, a Bergen Belsen survivor, and Mindhu, an Auschwitz–Birkenau survivor, are among a rapidly dwindling number who can and do share their vivid and compelling testimony to humanity's darkest time.

The film brings to light the stunning discovery of lost letters written by Otto Frank, Anne's father, revealing new information about the family's dramatic struggle to escape the tyranny of the Nazi regime, and further evidence that the world turned its back on the Franks and millions of others. Major Leonard Berney, who liberated Bergen Belsen where Anne and her sister Margot perished, also relates his harrowing experiences in the film and his son, John, will join us in Solihull for the screening.

Something of a prequel to Anne's iconic diary, *No Asylum* is a call to action for tolerance, respect and understanding at a time when too often they seem in short supply.

The celebrated film further advances the goal of The Anne Frank Trust UK to encourage us to embrace personal responsibility and respect for others. It also compounds the charity's aim to empower young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination.

It is also noteworthy that the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2019: **Torn from home** encourages us to contemplate how the enforced loss of a safe place to call 'home' is part of the trauma faced by all those who suffer persecution and genocide. 'Home' usually means a place of safety, comfort and security. In commemorating HMD 2019, the screening of *No Asylum* and the Q&A with our survivors will offer our audience very real and timely opportunities to reflect on what happens when individuals, families and communities are driven out of their homes and on the continuing difficulties survivors face as they try to build new lives after the traumas they endure.

The film will be screened at 2:00pm on Monday 21 January 2019, followed by the Q&A session. We anticipate the screening and Q&A finishing at approximately 4.00 pm. If you would like reserve tickets, please do so via the TryBooking link here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/book/event?eid=4458&bof=1>

If you would also like to join us for the exhibition from 1.15pm to 1.45pm please let Mrs Jessica Harris know at harrisj@solsch.org.uk. Entry to both is free of charge and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

We would very much look forward to warmly welcoming you for the afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Tim Robertson, Chief Executive
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