

Hosting a Traveling Anne Frank Exhibit

Frequently Asked Questions

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PART 1: HOSTING AN EXHIBIT

How long will I host the exhibit?

A typical hosting window is three weeks, but this is flexible given each host's specific circumstances and needs. We ask each host to display the exhibit for at least two weeks whenever possible, to preserve the integrity of the exhibit.

How much space does the exhibit need?

The traveling exhibit Anne Frank: A History for Today requires around 1,000 square feet. A traditional sized classroom will suffice, as long as the desks can be removed and the room doesn't need to be used for any purposes other than tours during the hosting window. A media center is often a good fit. The larger the space, the better the exhibit will feel in it. We can provide photos of the exhibit assembled in various spaces.

Does the exhibit need to be in a secured location?

Yes. We ask that it be displayed somewhere that it can be supervised when students are present and locked when an adult is not present.

How will the exhibit be assembled?

The exhibit will be assembled during the guide training. We ask that the cases and tubes be stored on site in a closet or unused room during the hosting window.

How can the community visit the exhibit?

We encourage every host to hold at least one community night where the public can visit the exhibit for a tour from the student docents. We suggest holding this in tandem with another school sponsored or community event to boost attendance.

What ages do you suggest visit the exhibit?

We suggest the tour for students in 6th grade and above.

How will the exhibit arrive at my school/facility?

The exhibit will be driven to your school by the training team.

What happens if an exhibit panel/part is damaged?

Please contact Jane Nesbit as soon as possible at JNesbit@ihene.org

PART 2: PEER GUIDE TRAINING

What is Peer Guide Training?

Peer Guide training is a 2-day program where students are trained as guides/docents for the exhibit through interactive and educational activities. You can find an overview video on IHE's website [here](#).

What is Peer Education?

Peer Education is a methodology that centers young people's voices and allows them to learn from one another, Socratic seminar style. This is a more relaxed environment than a traditional classroom setting.

How long is the Guide Training?

We tailor the training to fit within two typical school days. We do this so transportation and after school commitments do not restrict anyone from participating.

What do students do during the Guide Training?

The guide training is an interactive 2 days including group discussion, video testimony, working with photographs, designing your own tour, and practice time. Students learn a lot, and also share that they have more fun than they expected! There is time to discuss logistics of giving and planning for tours.

What is the role of teachers/supervisors/coordinators during the Guide Training?

We ask the coordinating adults to allow the student's voices to be the focus of the training. The training team follows a peer education methodology - meaning that students should be leading and driving discussion, guided by the training team, with coordinating adults in an observing capacity. Our team is experienced in facilitating student discussion, so we ask the coordinating adults to allow the trainers to engage directly with the participants. This is not a traditional educational environment! We intentionally avoid lecture style instruction.

How many students should be trained as Docents?

We suggest approximately 15 students be trained as docents. A few more or less is also fine.

For what ages do you suggest the training?

We suggest the guide training for students 7th grade and up. In schools with a wide age range, we suggest students be within at least 3 years of one another. (i.e. 9th – 11th grade or 10 – 12th grade).

How should I recruit Docents?

We ask schools to send a diverse group, or a “cross section” of the school. We aren't only looking to work with you honor students!

How long do tours take?

Tours take approximately 45-minutes, depending on the tour guide and visitors. Tours can fluctuate between 30 and 60 minutes.

How big can the tour groups be?

An ideal tour group is 15 people, but we know this isn't always feasible. Teachers may have larger classes and no way to divide the group. In this case, a whole class can get a tour at once.

How can teachers supplement the tours?

Teachers can follow the link here to a 28-minute film called [The Short Life of Anne Frank](#) that can be used to supplement the tours. There are other free [online resources](#) on the Anne Frank House website.

How can I divide my class into smaller groups for tours?

Space and supervision permitting, half of a class can view the short film, The Short Life of Anne Frank, linked above, while the other half goes on the tour. One docent can facilitate a discussion after the film, asking students what they learned in the film, etc. The two groups then switch so both see the film and get a tour.