

16 INFORMATION ITEM – ANNE FRANK EXHIBITION**Report By: Manager of Pupil, School and Parent Support****Wards Affected**

Countywide.

Purpose

1. To note the arrangements for the Exhibition.

Financial Implications

2. The costs involved will be met from the approved budget for Education.

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3. In October 2003 the *Anne Frank, A History for Today*, Exhibition will open in Herefordshire. The exhibition, which is of international renown, will be held in the Cathedral and will be open to the public and schools from 3rd until 30th October. The exhibition informs visitors about the history of the Holocaust from the perspective of Anne Frank and her family. It documents the family's persecution by the Nazis, their escape from Germany, their hiding in Amsterdam and their ultimate fate in the death camps.
4. The diary of Anne Frank may be fifty years old but its message is relevant today, as demonstrated by the way in which the Exhibition addresses issues of prejudice, racism and intolerance. The Exhibition has a particular focus on the life and diary of Anne Frank but also includes recent events – for example, the death of Stephen Lawrence and the subsequent changes this has brought.
5. The Education Directorate has been closely involved in the preparations for over a year. A Steering Group was set up initially involving representatives from the Jewish community, the Cathedral and the Council (Neville Meredith, the Race Relations Officer and Dennis Longmore, Manager of Pupil, School and Parent Support). The Steering Group has grown considerably and the membership now reflects the breadth of activities that surround and develop the exhibition.
6. In 2002, the Education Directorate commissioned a comprehensive resource pack to be developed for schools. The pack was circulated to every school and Pupil Referral Unit in the County during April 2003. The resource pack is full of curriculum ideas, and model lessons, in addition to containing details concerning all the other events associated with the main exhibition.
7. Letters, articles in bulletins, leaflets (leaflet enclosed) and newsletters have been circulated to schools to keep staff informed. A training day for teachers took place on 12th June.

8. Extension activities around the exhibition include:
- Organised school visits
 - Workshops for school groups on the themes of - Gypsies/Travellers; Playing the Race Card; Managing Bullying and Justice; Jewish Seder meal; Exploring Evil and Goodness
 - Extra workshops for Primary schools; A Traveller's Life and Hidden Communities (giving an insight into Jewish and Traveller experience in Herefordshire)
 - An exhibition about Travellers and Gypsies at the Museum
 - An exhibition of paintings depicting scenes from the Holocaust (by a Herefordshire Jewish survivor)
 - A production of the play, 'The Diary of Anne Frank' at the Courtyard with matinee performances for schools
 - Diary competition
 - Local Moral Courage Awards for pupils from Primary schools, Secondary schools and Colleges
9. In addition, activities such as a special 'Kick Racism Out of Football' game may be held at the Hereford United football ground.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee are asked to note the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS