

The Chair of the lunch committee



Welcome and thank you for joining us today for the thirteenth Anne Frank Trust Lunch to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

My husband and I have been coming to the Anne Frank Trust Lunch for 7 years and so I am honoured and excited to have taken the position of Chair of the lunch committee this year. This event is both unique and important, particularly as it provides a platform to remember the victims and survivors of historic and current persecutions across the world.

Having observed first-hand the educational programmes that the Trust run, I continue to be inspired by the amazing impact that the work of this charity has on the young people it encounters. Their programmes use Anne's message and the historical backdrop of her life to educate people about all forms of hatred, instilling positive attitudes, responsibility and respect for others. Today is a stage to spread those ideals.

It is with much delight that I introduce and welcome our speakers today. We are honoured that Dr Eva Schloss MBE has agreed to be interviewed by broadcaster Natasha Kaplinsky. I am also privileged that Mariane Pearl is here to accept the Anne Frank Award for Moral Courage.

I would like to recognise our supporters, for without you, events such as this would not be possible. In particular, thank you to our generous and loyal host Daphne Schild. Thank you also to our sponsors, brochure advertisers, table hosts and dedicated lunch committee.

Pardeep Sandhu

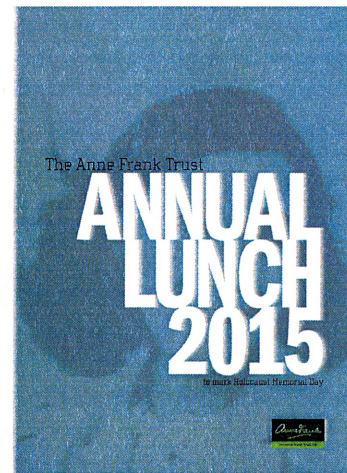
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The annual Anne Frank Trust Lunch to mark Holocaust Memorial Day took place at the Hilton on Park Lane on Thursday 29 January 2015.

600 guests attended our lunch which raised a phenomenal £420,000 towards our vital work educating Britain's young people to challenge prejudice and positively influence those around them.

News presenter and member of the Prime Minister's Holocaust Commission **Natasha Kaplinsky** interviewed **Dr Eva Schloss**, the stepdaughter of Otto Frank, about her time in Auschwitz.

We also presented the Anne Frank Award for Moral Courage to the remarkable **Mariane Pearl**. Mariane's husband, the Wall Street Journal bureau chief Daniel Pearl, was murdered by Al-Qaeda in Pakistan in 2002. Mariane's book about her husband's kidnapping, *A Might Heart*, was turned into a film in which Mariane was played by Dame Angelina Jolie – who signed our Anne Frank Declaration this summer.

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