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Free2choose
A practical example

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Mission Statement Anne Frank House

Key part of mission statement:
To contribute to a world without discrimination. A world characterized by mutual respect and tolerance.
Free2choose 2005-2008

- Starting point: European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ECHR) from 1950
- Focus on Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom to Demonstrate, Right to Privacy, Freedom of the Press
Freedom of Religion for Instance

- Enshrined in many International Documents
- Council of Europe and OSCE recent initiatives
- Both call for human rights based approach to teaching about religions and beliefs – this is already a major challenge
- For instance, Toledo Guiding Principles on Teaching about Religions and Beliefs in Public Schools
- Where does one draw the line?
How it works

• 10 standard film clips / Each country also creates own clips
• 2-3 local film clips, now on YouTube
• The film clips show concrete examples of frictions of rights and freedoms
• At moment 11 countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, UK
• Manual for using responsibly
• 100+ debates
• Main target group: young people (age 15 – 18)
• Formal and non-formal settings
Evaluation/Results

- Harmony model versus confrontation
- Create safe space for debate
- Intercultural cooperative methods needed for all voices to be heard
- Xenophobia, Homophobia, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism among youth
- Not all film clips appropriate for all contexts