

Our Journey '24



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Who we are



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The Anne Frank Youth Network in the Czech Republic was relaunched in the autumn of 2023 with a first workshop in Prague.

Since then, we have been steadily expanding our network in the Czech Republic through the organisation of in-person workshops and online events.

Our aim is to cultivate a community of motivated young individuals who are eager to engage with their local communities and advocate for causes they believe in.

Our objective is to establish connections with young individuals from across the Czech Republic.





What we do

- Creating a network of like-minded young people to exchange ideas, thoughts and to support each other.
- Organising events to talk about current issues of our time.
- Providing members with tools and skills they need to take action and stand up for a cause.
- Empowering members to create their own projects in their communities.
- Connecting members with young people from Central Europe and all around the world.



Educate



Empower



Repeat

Our members

Antonie, Nymburk



What is it that motivates you?

"I want to introduce people in my area to topics that are close to my heart and gain new experience as a lector. Also to see how such a successful project as AFYN works from the inside :)"

What have been your highlights so far?

"I really enjoyed preparing and leading the workshops as my Action Project. It focused on the topic of the Holocaust in our city and I loved how the students worked in groups and searched for information in historical documents."



Ani, Náchod



What is it that motivates you?

"My motivation is the great work of the AFYN team, which has an impact on a lot of people. I also want to do such a job that I feel like a part of them. It is important to talk about all the problems that are corrupting our society."

What have been your highlights so far?

"Big highlights so far were the event in Holland and the training in Prague. My Action Project was about the different perspectives on the Second World War."

Our members

Kája, Nymburk



What is it that motivates you?

"My motivation is being part of something that has a purpose. Being able to help and make things around me better. Even if it's just small changes it still counts. It's important to not lose hope and try to make it a better place here."

What have been your highlights so far?

"My highlight was my first introduction to AFYN in Prague. Everything was new and inspiring. Everyone was amazing and super nice. I am really grateful I could be part of it."

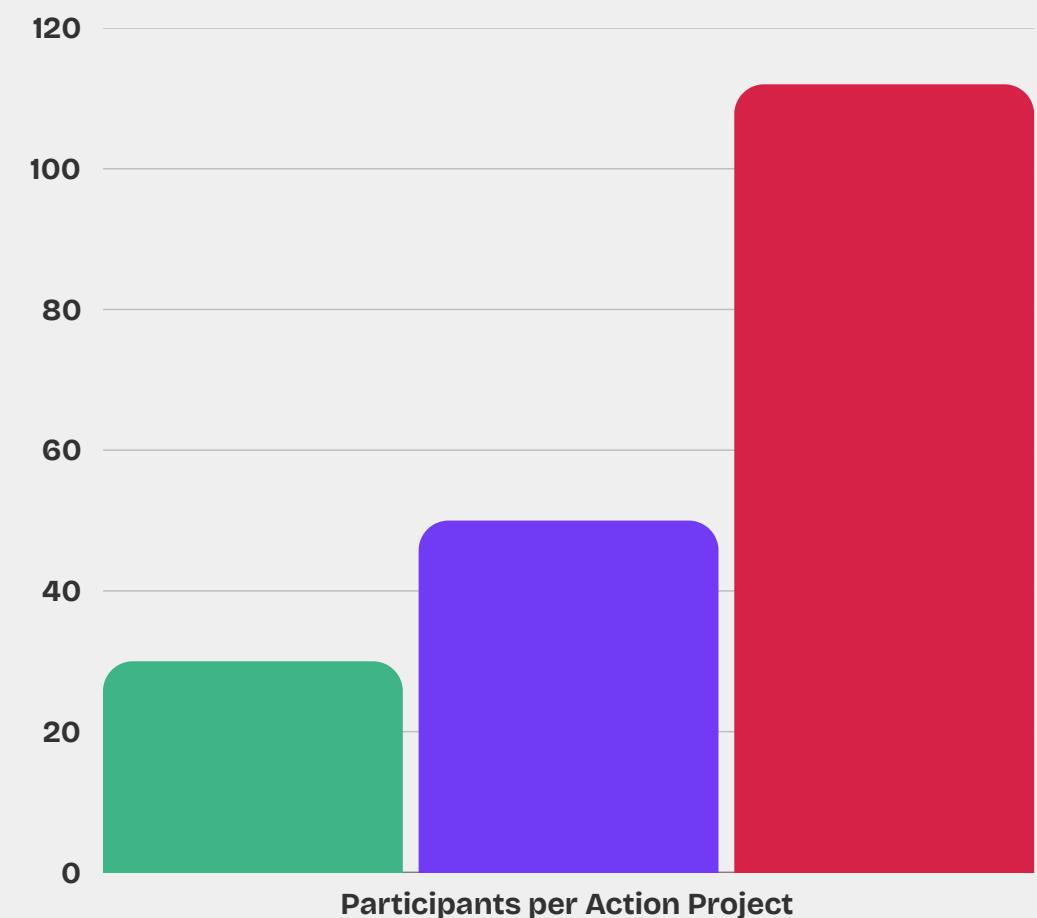


As afyn.cz, we are thrilled to have such engaged, inspiring and motivated young adults as our members. Thank you for everything you do and keep up the amazing work!

Action Projects

We are thrilled to see our members diving into action with their very own projects in their schools and communities. In 2024, three of our members designed and facilitated their own projects, which is fantastic! They dedicated an impressive average of five hours to the preparation, not including the time spent conducting the projects.

We can't wait to share more of these inspiring projects with you on the next few pages.



- **Februar 6, 2024 at Jiráskovo gymnázium Náchod**
- **February 7th to 8th, 2024 at Základní Škola Komenksého Nybmrk**
- **March 3rd, 2024 - End of 2025 at Základní Škola Juventa Milovice**

Action Projects



Workshop - Different Perspectives on World War II

"My project took place in my school, which is Jiráskovo Gymnázium Náchod. I choose my class as the target group. The students were from 17 to 18 years old."

"My project was about different roles during World War II - targets, bystanders, rescuers and 'rememberers'. Each group had assigned tasks and materials. They got their own postcards created by students from Isreal (the same age as they are)."

"Other activities included the question of whether or not to teach about the Holocaust in Schools. At the beginning of the workshop there was a short reflection on the word 'Holocaust' and at the end and evaluation of the entire workshop."

- Ani, Náchod

Action Projects

In the Footsteps of Eva Pick - History and Us

“During my workshop students searched in historical documents for the story of Eva Pick, a Holocaust victim from their town. Through that they got acquainted with this hard topic and realised that the Holocaust happened also in places, which they know really well, to people, who were in the same age as they are.”

“It was a pleasure to lead these workshops! I worked with three different groups. It was really interesting, how differently they reacted. It taught me to better react on specific needs of the groups.”

- Antonie, Nymburk



Action Projects

Workshop - Jewish Life during the Holocaust

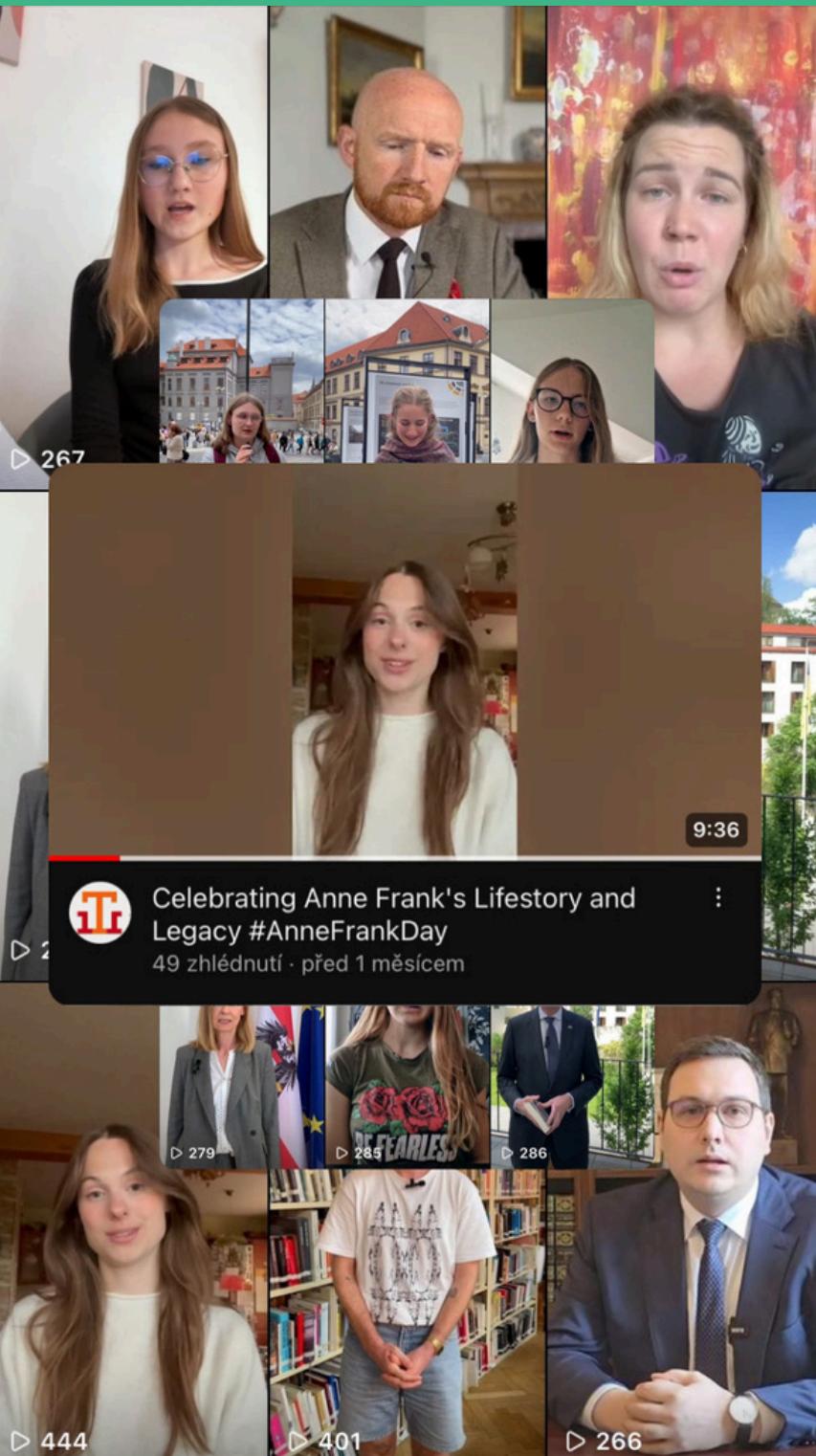
"Workshop for 9th grade students of ZŠ Juventa Milovice. The aim was to familiarise the students with the Nazi regime and the everyday life of Jews.

"We worked with videos of survivors and tried to find parallels between today and the past. Is history repeating itself?"

- Kája, Nymburk



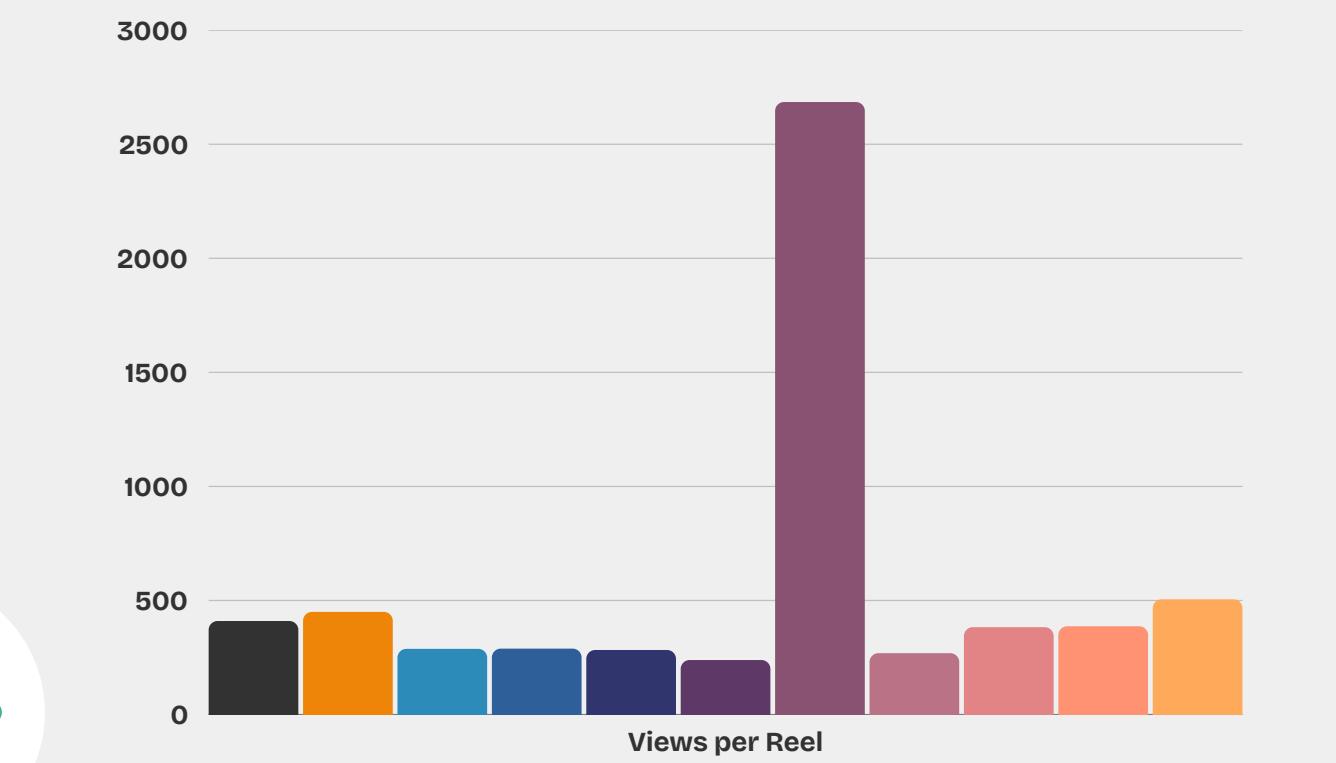
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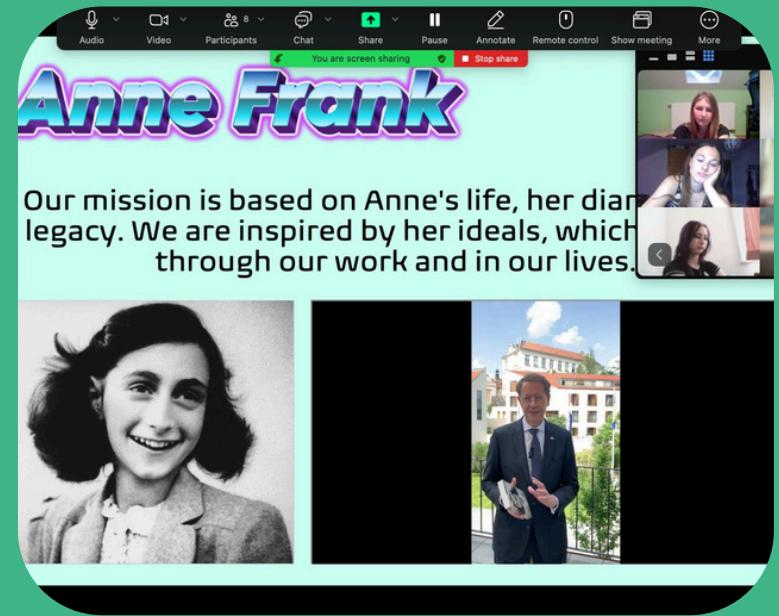


On the occasion of Anne Frank's birthday, we were celebrating her life and legacy in a digital format. We invited people to send us videos in which they share their thoughts and the impact Anne's diary had on them. We also wandered the streets of Prague asking passers-by.

The outcome was a set of 11 reels featuring 14 participants, including AFYN members, ambassadors and strangers from the streets.

The shared reels have views in total of 6,188 (as of 4 March 2025).





AFYN Online Check-In

On July 1, 2024, the AFYN Online Check-In was conducted for interested parties. The event provided a platform to showcase the initiatives of the Anne Frank Youth Network, highlighting the ongoing projects of the current youth ambassadors Ani, Kaja and Toni.

Maxine from the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam then presented the international opportunities for AFYN members.

The event also provided a platform for participants to share their insights on the motivations behind joining the youth network.

(RE)ACT

International Youth Forum

From 24-30 July 2024, members of our Anne Frank Youth Network (AFYN) were invited to attend the AFYN (Re)Act International Youth Forum in Amsterdam and Arnhem, the Netherlands. This event, organised by Anne Frank Stichting, brought together young people from across the globe to participate in workshops and debates on pertinent issues.



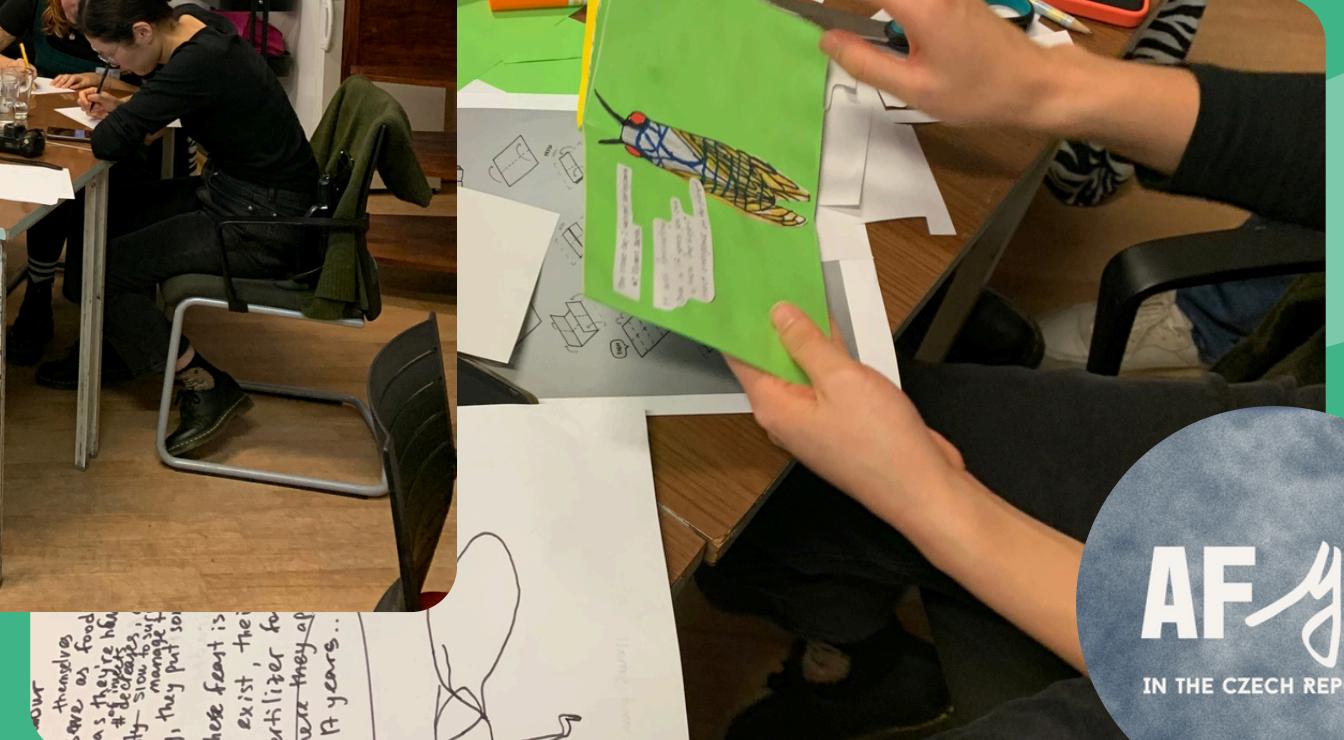
"Together with our Czech delegation, I had the honour of attending a session in the Netherlands led by the excellent AFYN team. I was delighted to receive confirmation of my participation in this unique event. The programme was very busy, but there was something for everyone. The programme included workshops and debates. In addition, there was ample opportunity for relaxation, including a silent disco and a social gathering involving pizza. The event attracted a number of notable individuals, who proved to be a source of inspiration for all in attendance. The first half of the event took place in Arnhem, followed by the remainder in Amsterdam, the beautiful cities of the Netherlands. The participation of other students from different parts of the world made the event even more special. The programme was meticulously designed to facilitate deeper connections and the sharing of experiences among participants. The event also provided an opportunity to reflect on the remarkable diversity of our community. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the entire AFYN team and all those who contributed to the success of this event. It was a memorable experience, both enjoyable and enlightening. Thank you for this opportunity."



zine Workshop

The history of zines (which are small DIY magazines) is characterised by their use by marginalised groups in particular to express themselves artistically and the issues that mattered to them, both cheaply and quickly. After learning about the rich history of zines, we got right down to making our own. At the end of the workshop we presented our little creations to each other and saw all the beautiful ways in which zines can be used: From making your own little comic book to creating an informative brochure, anything is possible.

The concept for this event was inspired by the highly regarded workshop "Creativity with a Cause", which was held during the IYF and hosted by Sam from the Anne Frank UK Trust.



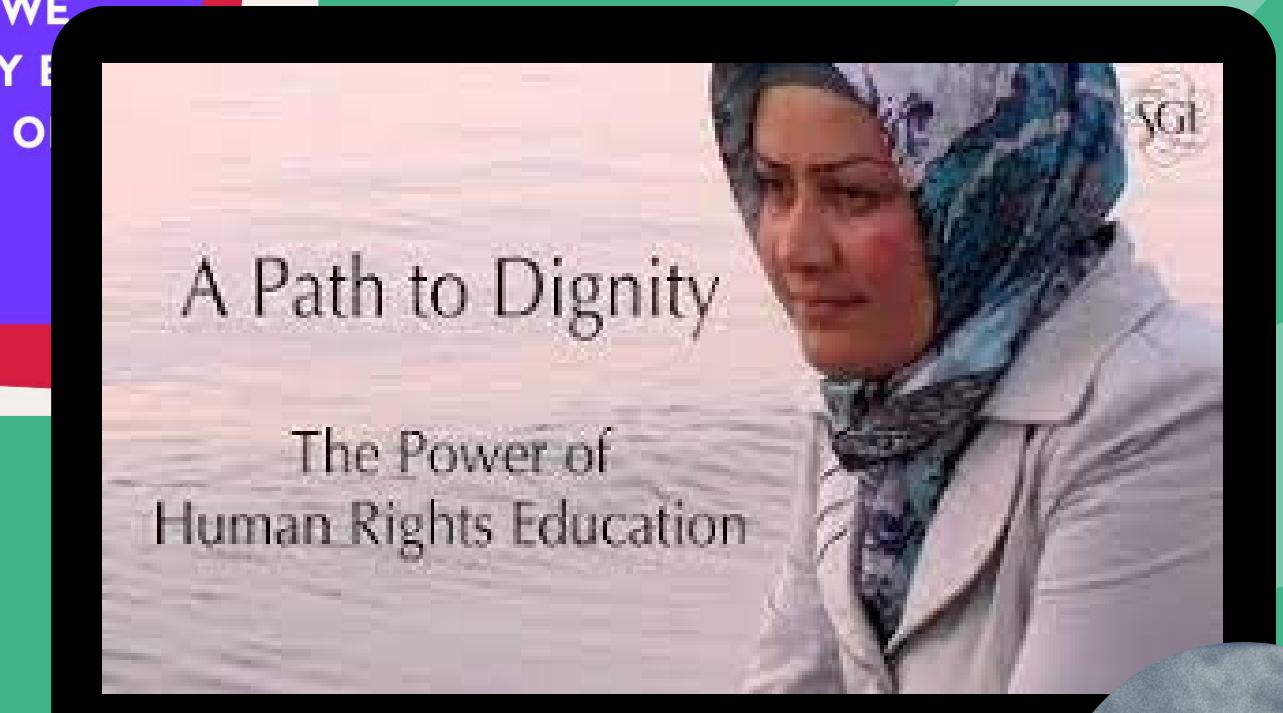
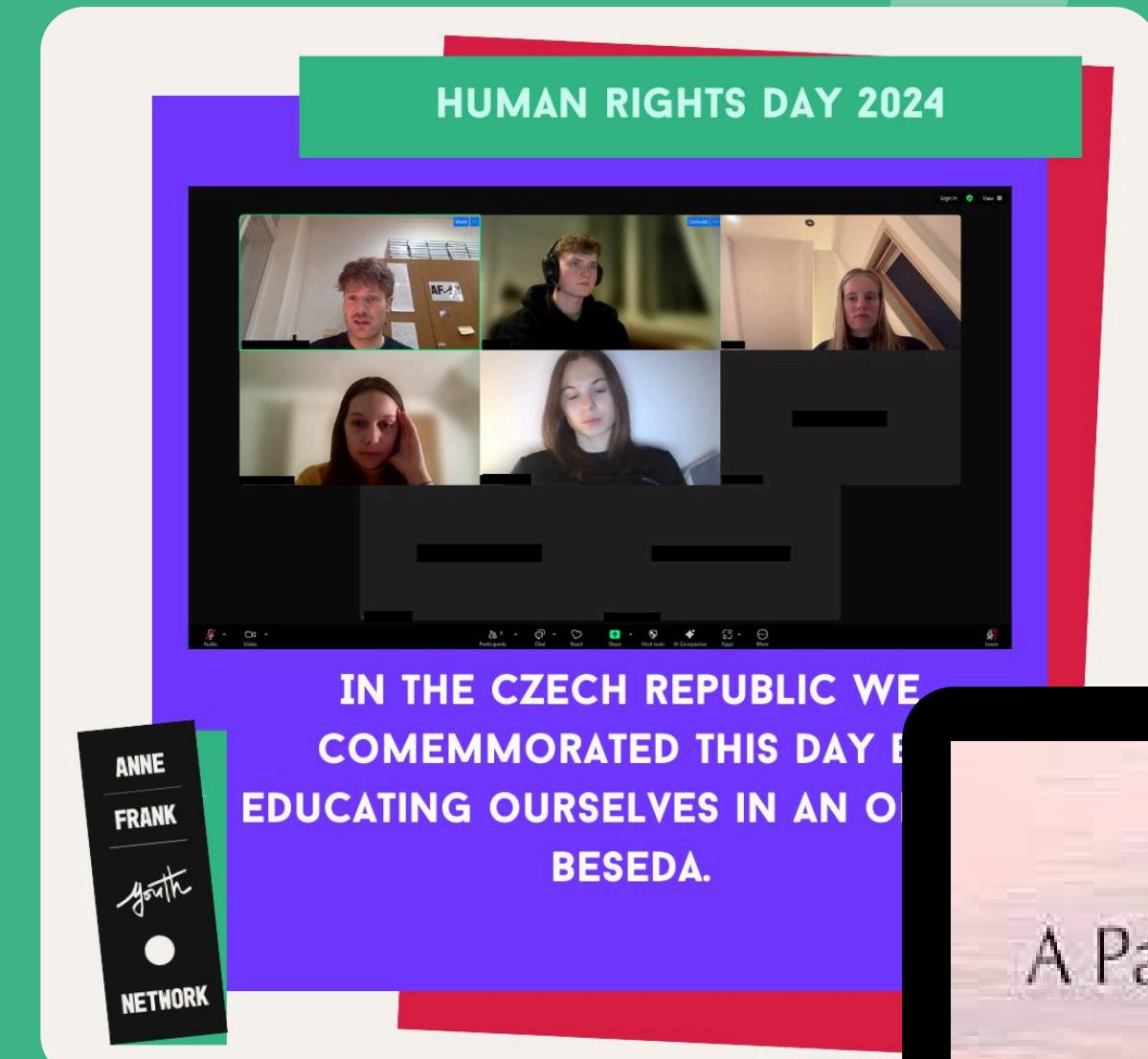
Online Beseda

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new series of online events, entitled Online Beseda, which will be held on a quarterly basis. The inaugural event took place on Human Rights Day in December 2024.

The theme of the event was "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now."

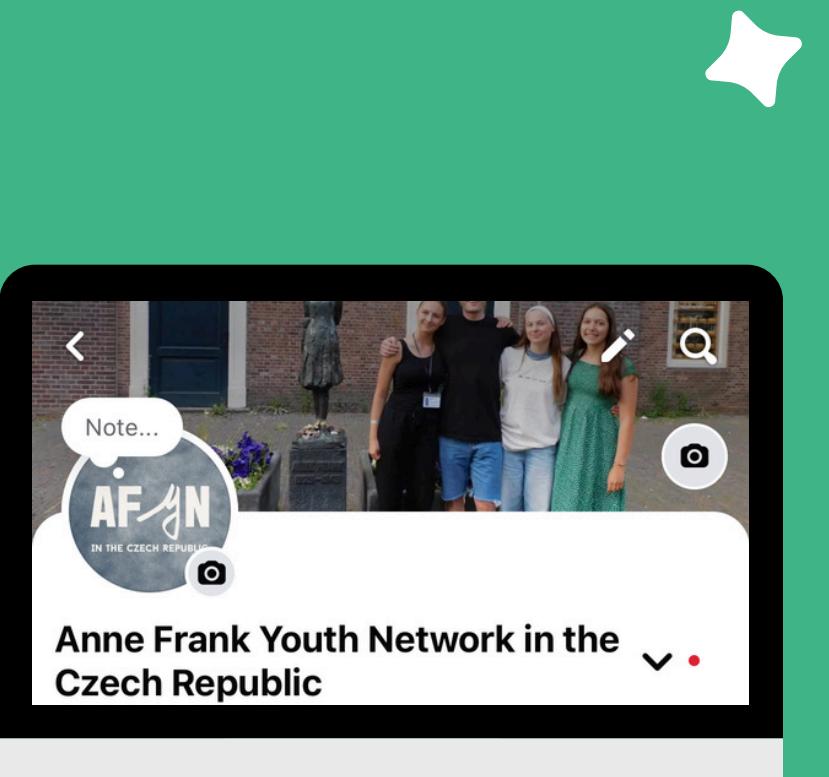
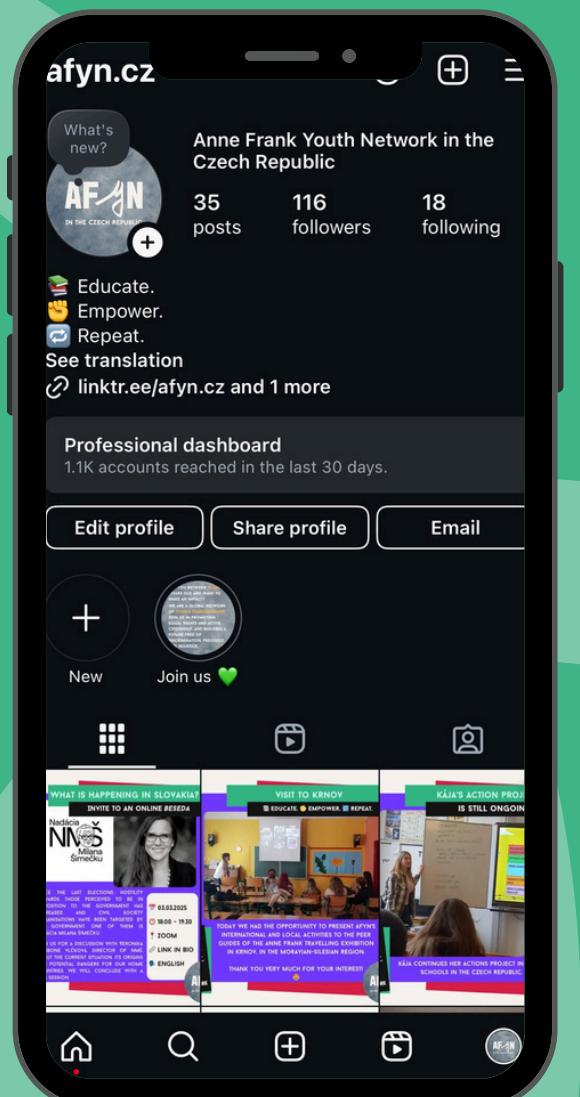
This slogan aligns perfectly with the Anne Frank Youth Network's mission to promote education and empowerment among young people, both within our communities and beyond, with the goal of creating a better future for all.

The event featured the screening of the short film "A Path to Dignity: The Power of Human Rights Education" and discussed Human Rights in smaller groups.



Social Media Launch @afyn.cz

We are thrilled to announce that we have officially launched our social media presence on Facebook and Instagram! We can't wait to connect with young people, share our activities and events, and give our members the platform they deserve.



Facebook

Instagram

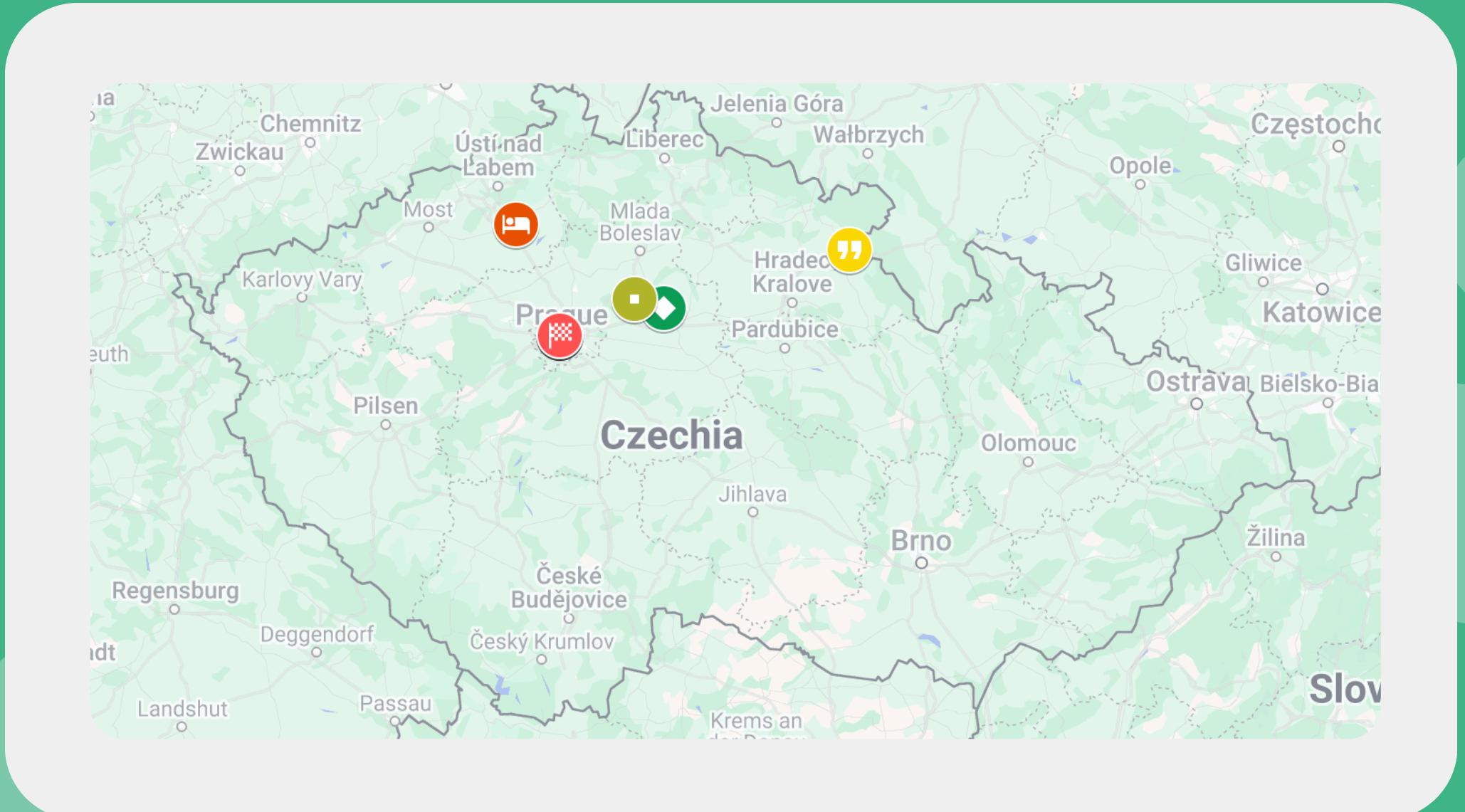
Insights 2024

Views	926	17.3K
Reach	929	3.4K
Content interactions	184	903
Link clicks	1	6
Visits	326	778
Follows	30	122



afyn.cz in numbers

- Four events (online and in-person) were organised by afyn.cz
- Three action projects were designed and implemented by members
- One presentation on members' experience with peer education for teachers



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Thomas



Lena



Laurenz



Thomas Elmecker is the country coordinator of the Anne Frank Youth Network in the Czech Republic. He took up the post in autumn 2023. He is tasked with expanding the network and maintaining existing connections. He supports members with implementing their Action Projects and facilitates online and in-person events.

Volunteers at the Terezín Initiative Institute support him in his work. In 2024, these were Lena (until August) and Laurenz (from September onwards). They are valuable staffers who support the facilitation of events as well as with social media content of afyn.cz. We are very grateful for their work.



Outlook 2025

We are happy to share our plans for 2025!

- In January, we will be facilitating an in-person workshop called "Become an Upstander" in beautiful Prague. We would love for young people from the Czech Republic to join us for what promises to be an amazing experience.
- And we can't wait to welcome new members and embark on exciting new projects together!
- We'll also be holding Online Besedas on a quarterly basis. The next one will be on the current situation for civil society organisations in Slovakia, and we will have a talk with Veronika Fishbone Vlčková, director of Nadácia Milana Šimečka.
- We're also planning some really exciting activities for Anne Frank Day 2025, so stay tuned for more details!
- For 2025 we plan a Memory Walk project in Prague Holešovice with a local school.
- A delegation from the Czech Republic will take part in the Youth Forum in the USA in July.
- We're also going to be fostering our cooperation with Schola Fidentiae (Anne Frank travel exhibition) throughout 2025.

We can't wait to share all of the exciting events and activities with you. Stay tuned!



Thank You

2024 was a year like no other! It was challenging, but we loved it! We expanded our network steadily, and our first Action Projects were successfully implemented by our members. We also embarked on an inspiring trip to the Netherlands, where we met incredible people and gained invaluable insights. And we had so many other fantastic opportunities to meet new people.

We are truly grateful for all the incredible opportunities we've been blessed with, and the unwavering support we've received.

A huge thank you to the Anne Frank House, the Terezín Initiative Institute and the Dutch Embassy in the Czech Republic for their invaluable support.

But most of all, we want to say a massive thank you to our members and everyone who joined us on our journey. You all make us who we are, and we couldn't be more proud and excited to see what the future holds! We're sure that you'll continue to amaze us with your incredible work and your wonderful personality.

