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The film clips that are part of Free2choose are available on DVD. The clips (total length: 25 minutes) are dubbed in the languages German, Czech, Danish, French, English, Greek, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Swedish and Spanish. Starting 1 January 2007 the DVD will be available for educational use.

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**Young people
debate the limits
of freedom**

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THE BOUNDARIES OF FREEDOM



Under the title Free2choose the Anne Frank House is coordinating a series of youth debates on freedoms rights from September 2006 through May 2007. This cycle of debates will take place at 55 different locations in eleven European Union countries.

Free2choose includes a series of stimulating film clips and a supplementary educational packet in which topical questions from different countries are raised. These questions clearly show that freedom rights can sometimes conflict with each other or with the need to protect democracy. The film clips challenge young people to think critically and take a stand.

The clips in Free2choose are introduced each time by 'Fred', an animated figure developed especially for young people. Each Free2choose film clip begins with a brief description of a dilemma followed by a question posed by 'Fred'.



The dilemmas in Free2choose relate to freedom rights such as the freedom of expression, freedom of the press and freedom to demonstrate. An example of one of the dilemmas in Free2choose is whether a group of neo-Nazis



in Berlin should be allowed to demonstrate in front of a synagogue. Naturally everyone agrees that citizens everywhere should always be free to express their opinion. But isn't it excessively offensive if opponents of democracy claim the same right? And at such a location? Or is that the price we have to pay for the privilege of living in a democracy?

The aim of Free2choose is to stimulate young people to think about how this specific dilemma relates to comparable situations in their own society. Dilemmas like this occur in every country. And people can hold different views, all of them based on good grounds.

Free2choose does not try to come up with cut-and-dry solutions to all the dilemmas it presents. Usually, politicians and judges are the ones who ultimately have to decide which right carries the most weight in various situations. It's very important, however, that such decisions be supported by society.

Free2choose is a way to actively involve citizens in these important social discussions.

The Free2choose debates will be held at schools, cultural centres and at youth festivals. The Anne Frank House has developed special educational material to steer the discussions in the appropriate direction.