

Why HATE STiNKS Matters

The **HATE STiNKS** educational initiative is an essential intervention during periods of war and violence in the Middle East, periods when fear and division often spill over into our own communities, fuelling the spread of hate. In these moments, silence is not an option. **HATE STiNKS** provides the necessary tools to dismantle prejudice before it takes root. By teaching students to recognize and reject hate, we empower them to grow into empathetic citizens who protect the safety and dignity of everyone.

HATE STiNKS is designed to help educate young people about antisemitism. This is important not just for Jewish people, but for everyone in society. Here's why:

1. It Teaches about Respect and Inclusion

When young people learn about antisemitism, they also learn about the importance of respecting people who are different from them. This helps create a society where everyone feels included and valued, no matter their religion, race, or background.

- **Example:** If you learn why antisemitism is wrong, you're more likely to understand why other forms of prejudice, like racism or Islamophobia, are also wrong.

2. It Helps Prevent Hate and Discrimination

Antisemitism is one of the oldest forms of hate, and it's not the only one. By teaching young people about antisemitism, we help them recognize and challenge all kinds of prejudice and discrimination.

- **Example:** If someone learns about the harmful stereotypes used against Jewish people, they'll be better at spotting stereotypes discriminating against other groups too.

3. It Builds Empathy and Understanding

Learning about the history and experiences of Jewish people helps young people develop empathy. Empathy means being able to understand and share the feelings of others. When young people have empathy, they're more likely

to put themselves in the shoes of others and stand up for those who are being treated unfairly.

4. It Strengthens Communities

When young people are educated about antisemitism, they become allies—people who support and stand up for others. This makes communities stronger and safer for everyone.

- **Example:** If a Jewish classmate feels supported by their peers, they're more likely to feel safe and happy at school. This creates a positive environment for everyone.

5. It Promotes Critical Thinking

Learning about antisemitism helps young people think critically about the information they hear and see. They learn to question stereotypes, lies, and misinformation, which is an important skill in today's world.

- **Example:** If someone spreads a false rumour about Jewish people, a young person who has learned about antisemitism will know enough to question it and look for the truth.

6. It Can Prevent Future Harm

Antisemitism has caused great harm throughout history and is spreading again around the world. By educating young people, we make sure they understand the dangers of hate and can work to prevent it from happening again—not just for Jewish people, but for all groups.

- **Example:** Learning about antisemitism can inspire young people to fight against all forms of hate and injustice.

7. It Creates a More Just Society

When young people learn about antisemitism, they become part of a larger movement to create a fair and just society. Fighting antisemitism is part of fighting for equality and human rights for everyone. It strengthens our democracy.