

# LEARNING FROM GENERATION 2 GENERATION

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How do we ensure the lessons of the Holocaust are learned: that prejudice and discrimination can motivate genocide.

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Anita is one of 22 speakers from charity Generation 2 Generation (G2G) that supports descendants of Holocaust survivors tell their family stories and just as her mother Naomi did, to encourage tolerance and understanding and to challenge discrimination in all its forms. Indeed, during the Holocaust Memorial Day period (Jan and Feb 2022), G2G speakers reached over 18,000 people through more than 140 presentations across a range of audiences.

Anita explains G2G's aim "by keeping the memory of individual family Holocaust stories alive we can enable people to learn for the future."

If you are interested in hosting a similar event please contact Anita [office@generation2generation.org.uk](mailto:office@generation2generation.org.uk) or visit this website [www.generation2generation.org.uk](http://www.generation2generation.org.uk)