



MEDIA ALERT

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National Youth Week in the ACT: 10 – 18 April 2010!

The Youth Coalition of the ACT, the peak body for youth affairs and young people aged 12 – 15 years in the ACT, is pleased to announce that National Youth Week, the annual celebration of young people in Australia, will be held from 10 – 18 April 2010. The Youth Coalition of the ACT coordinates Youth Week activities in the ACT.

National Youth Week in the ACT will fall during the ACT Government school holidays, with over 50 activities and events targeting young people aged 12 – 25 years of age.

National Youth Week in the ACT will kick-off on Friday 9 April 2010, with the ACT Government's Office Launch and Youth InterACT Conference, followed by the Youth Coalition Annual Youth Week Expo in Garema Place (4 – 8pm).

'The ACT received \$7000 from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Australian Government, to provide seeding grants to Youth Week activities targeting young people aged 12 – 25 years,' said Emma Robertson, Director of the Youth Coalition.

'In 2010, the Australian Government provided an additional \$7000 in seeding grants to activities that targeted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, multicultural young people, and young people in the criminal justice system.'

'The Youth Coalition welcomed the additional funding for Youth Week activities; and the commitment by the Australian Government to recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, multicultural young people and young people in the criminal justice system are a priority.'

The Youth Coalition has developed a Calendar of Events for National Youth Week in the ACT, which is attached to this document. For more information on National Youth Week, visit www.youthweek.com.

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