



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### National Youth Week in the ACT Begins Tomorrow

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.

'The ACT will be kicking-off National Youth Week tomorrow, on Friday 9 April, with a number of exciting events,' said Emma Robertson, Director of the Youth Coalition.

'At 9am, the Minister for Children and Young People, Ms Joy Burch, will officially launch National Youth Week in the ACT at the ACT Government's annual Youth InterACT Conference, to be held at the Ainslie Arts Centre.

'From 4 – 8pm after the Conference, the Youth Coalition will be running the Annual Youth Week Expo in Garema Place, which celebrates young people, their art and music; and provides an opportunity for youth and community services to provide information, stalls and activities for young people.'

#### **Official Launch of National Youth Week in the ACT and Youth InterACT Conference**

*Office for Children, Youth and Family Support, Department of Disability Housing and Community Services, ACT Government*

This annual conference is an opportunity for young people to provide feedback to the ACT Government on topical issues, and participate in workshops and activities. National Youth Week in the ACT will be officially launched from 9 – 10am by the Minister for Children and Young People, Ms Joy Burch.

*Date:* 8.45am – 3pm, Friday 9 April 2010

*Venue:* Ainslie Arts Centre, Elouera St, Braddon

*Contact:* (02) 6205 3064 or [www.youth.act.gov.au](http://www.youth.act.gov.au)

#### **National Youth Week Expo**

*Youth Coalition of the ACT*

This annual expo promotes young people, their art and music; and engages youth and community organisations to provide information and stalls for and about young people.

*Date:* 4 – 8pm, Friday 9 April 2010

*Venue:* Garema Place, Canberra City

*Contact:* (02) 6247 3540 or [www.youthcoalition.net](http://www.youthcoalition.net)

Please see also the National Youth Week in the ACT Calendar of Events for more information about Youth Week activities in the ACT.

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