

MEDIA RELEASE

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The YOGIE AWARDS Celebrating Outstanding Achievements in Youth Work

Time:	10.30am – 12.30pm
Date:	Friday 4 December 2009
Location:	46 Clianthus St, O'Connor (Youth Coalition of the ACT office)
Awards:	List of award categories are below

Ms Joy Burch MLA, Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services, will present the Yogie Awards on Friday 4 December 2009, at the Youth Coalition of the ACT in O'Connor.

The Yogies recognise, celebrate, promote and reward outstanding practice in working with young people in the ACT and surrounding area.

“Our annual Yogie Awards are an excellent opportunity to celebrate and recognise outstanding achievements in the youth sector during 2009,” said Emma Robertson, Director, Youth Coalition of the ACT.

“The diverse services and programs that comprise the youth sector make a valuable contribution to the health and well-being of thousands of young Canberrans. This work is carried out every day of the year right across the ACT.”

The Yogie Awards are a Youth Coalition of the ACT initiative, supported by the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services. The Youth Coalition is the peak youth affairs body in the ACT and responsible for representing the interests of young people and those who work with them.

For further comment please contact Emma Robertson on 0422 665 469

2009 YOGIE Award Categories

Organisation, Service, Program or Project Awards:

1. Outstanding Achievement in Youth Participation Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, program or project that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to developing meaningful partnerships with young people.

2. Innovation in Practice Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, program or project that has demonstrated exceptional “thinking outside the square” to create beneficial change for young people.

3. Collaboration for Change Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, program or project that has demonstrated an outstanding collaboration or partnership in their community as a means to achieving positive outcomes for young people.

4. Excellence in Research and Evaluation Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, program or project that has conducted research and / or evaluation for the advancement of knowledge in youth affairs and / or the improvement of practice with young people.

5. Excellence in Organisational Practice Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, or program that has demonstrated excellence in organisational development as a means to achieving positive outcomes with young people.

Individual Awards:

1. Outstanding Youth Worker Award

This award recognises an individual youth worker who has advanced the rights and well-being of young people by advocating for systemic change, supporting young people to access full membership of society and to be decision-makers in their own lives.

2. Outstanding New Talent Award

This award recognises an individual youth worker, youth work trainee or volunteer that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improving the well-being of young people.

3. Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognises an individual who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to supporting and improving the well-being of young people in the ACT.

4. Outstanding Contribution to Young People Award

This award recognises an outstanding individual who works to improve the well-being of young people in the ACT.