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### **Canberra's Biggest Survey of Young People Aged 12 - 25**

The Youth Coalition of the ACT, the peak body for youth affairs and young people aged 12-25 years in the ACT, today launched a survey of young people aged 12 – 25 years in the ACT.

The survey aims to find out what it's like for young people to live in Canberra, and in each of its main regions. It asks young people what is important to them, what they are concerned about, and what their experiences of accessing services in the ACT have been.

'What is unique about this survey is that it will allow us to build a detailed picture of what Canberra means to young people,' said Emma Robertson, Director of the Youth Coalition. 'But more specifically, what it is like to live in Gungahlin compared with Belconnen, and other regions in the ACT.'

'In addition to looking at experiences, issues and concerns; we will be asking young people about their living circumstances, participation in social and recreational activities and even what their primary mode of transport is.'

'We are asking all young people aged 12 – 25 years who live, work or go to school in the ACT to help us by completing the survey, to inform us in our advocacy and representation work.'

The launch of the survey coincides with National Youth Week, the annual celebration of young people in Australia, held on 13 – 22 April 2012. The Youth Coalition of the ACT coordinates Youth Week activities in the ACT in partnership with the ACT Government.

The survey is open between April and June 2012. Prizes include an Apple iPad from MAC1. Young people can win prizes for completing the survey, but also promoting it through social media. 'Like' the Youth Coalition of the ACT on Facebook and follow @youthco\_act on Twitter for more information.

The survey can be accessed through [www.youthcoalition.net](http://www.youthcoalition.net).

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