



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSIONER



International Women's Day 2010

On 8 March 2010, Australia celebrated International Women's Day (IWD), an annual event which recognises the achievements of women and girls, and highlights the ongoing social, political and economic issues faced by women and girls.

To find out what children and young people thought about IWD, the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) visited a number of schools, child care centres, youth centres and other services across Canberra.

As well as just talking about IWD with children and young people, the CYPC also asked children and young people to discuss 'why girls are important'.

Children and young people were asked to answer the question by drawing on, writing on, colouring in, or decorating a cloth banner designed by the CYPC.

Over 500 children and young people, mostly girls and young women, from over 30 services around Canberra participated in the project.

The banners were displayed at a number of venues around Canberra following IWD, including at the International Women's Day Awards presented by the ACT Minister for Women, Ms Joy Burch MLA.

The banners, and the ideas and issues raised on the banners, will be used by the CYPC in further discussions and consultations with children and young people, and the CYPC is currently negotiating to have some of the banners permanently displayed at a number of public institutions around Canberra.

For further information, please phone the CYPC on 6205 2222, or email at ACTkids@act.gov.au.



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