



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSIONER



Youth Week 2010

In April 2010, as part of National Youth Week, the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) set up a number of stalls around Canberra to meet and talk with children and young people.

The CYPC met with hundreds of children and young people at the Civic, Belconnen, Woden and Tuggeranong bus interchanges, as well as in Garema Place and at a number of local youth services.

As well as just talking with children and young people about issues important to them, the CYPC also handed out a written survey asking children and young people about 'the best' and 'the worst' things about being a young person in Australia.

The CYPC received just over 250 responses to the survey, with children and young people providing many interesting and insightful comments.

When asked about the best thing about being a young person in Australia, the overwhelming majority spoke about the freedoms and opportunities which exist in Australia for young people, and of the excellent schools, health care and other

services in Canberra to which they and their friends have access.

When asked about the worst thing, many children and young people spoke about not being listened to or taken seriously by adults, being stereotyped by adults, racism, bullying, peer pressure, and not having anything to do in Canberra.

The CYPC has since been talking with a range of individuals and agencies about the results of the survey, and will be talking more with children and young people about how to fix or reduce some of the bad things about being young in Australia.

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



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