



### Youth InterACT Conference 2010

In April 2010, as part of National Youth Week, the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) co-facilitated with two young people a forum at the ACT Youth InterACT Conference.

The topic of the forum was 'Inclusive Communities', and the CYPC co-facilitated the forum with Annie, 13 years, and Laura, 14 years - both of whom are members of the ACT Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Over 30 children and young people attended the forum, with participants talking about the types of discrimination that impacted on inclusive communities.

Participants listed the top four barriers to an inclusive community as: 'age discrimination', 'disability discrimination', 'race discrimination', and 'sex discrimination'.

Participants then worked together to develop a range of recommendations about what they (as children and young people) can do; what the Canberra community can do; and what the ACT Government can do to address discrimination.

A report on the outcomes of the forum was prepared by the YAC, in partnership with the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support, and was presented to the ACT Minister for Children and Young People, Ms Joy Burch MLA.

The CYPC will also be talking with the YAC about the outcomes of the forum, and will be seeking their advice about how to best implement the recommendations.

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