



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSIONER



Launch of *Why Girls Are Important*

On 8 March 2011, 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.

In celebration of IWD, on 10 March 2011 the ACT Minister for Women and ACT Minister for Community Services, Ms Joy Burch MLA, launched the *Why Girls Are Important* book. The book was produced by the CYPC, and contains photographs of cloth banners made by over 500 children and young people from across Canberra during a consultation by the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) for IWD 2010.

At the launch, students from North Ainslie Primary School presented Minister Burch with a framed banner made by the students during the 2010 consultation.

Another banner, made by students from Lake Ginninderra College, was presented by the students to the ACT Office of Multicultural, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Affairs. This banner will be on permanent display in the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre.

Following, the CYPC also provided each school or agency which participated in the 2010 project with a copy of the book.

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 other public institutions around Canberra.

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