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ACT Multicultural Youth Forum 2011

In April 2011, as part of National Youth Week, the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) facilitated a workshop at the ACT Multicultural Youth Forum 2011, a collaboration between the Youth Coalition of the ACT and ACT Multicultural Youth Services (MYS).

The forum was attended by over 50 young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the ACT Minister for Multicultural Affairs, and Minister for Children & Young People, Ms Joy Burch MLA.

After listening to presentations by two young women from refugee backgrounds, forum participants broke into small workshops to discuss a range of issues.

The CYPC facilitated a workshop on 'home & family', with nine young people attending. Workshop participants spoke about their personal experiences, and the challenges they face, as young people growing up in a country different to the one in which they were born.

In doing so, young people raised a number of issues:

- the difficulties of negotiating two cultures;
- having different priorities and goals to those of their parents;
- the role of women in the family;
- gossip in the community; and
- the involvement of child protection authorities with recently arrived families.

Workshop participants then returned to the main group to discuss their findings, and to present the outcomes of the forum to Minister Burch.

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