



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSIONER



Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor.

In Anti-Poverty Week help fight Poverty and Hardship.

Why not organise a display, stall or award?
Maybe a workshop, lecture or forum?
How about a fundraiser, fact sheet or petition?

For more information & ideas:
Visit www.anti-povertyweek.org.au
Email apw@anti-povertyweek.org.au
Or call 1300 797 290



Anti Poverty Week 2009

In October 2009, Australia celebrated Anti-Poverty Week, a national campaign to fight poverty and hardship.

To find out what the children and young people of Canberra thought about poverty, the Children & Young People Commissioner (CYPC) set up information stalls about Anti-Poverty Week at four local bus interchanges.

As well as just talking about poverty with children and young people who visited the stalls, the CYPC also asked children and young people to fill in a short survey which asked: 'what does poverty mean to you?'

The CYPC received just over 160 responses to the survey, with children and young people providing many interesting and insightful comments.

The CYPC also offered an iPod as a prize for the most inspiring answer, with the prize going to a 15 year old girl who wrote:

"Poverty doesn't discriminate. It's living and breathing inequality. Living in poverty means pointlessly missing out on opportunities available to others. Eradication of poverty is essential for freedom. Poverty is my call to action - for freedom of all".

All of the comments were printed onto large posters, and displayed in the Hoyts Cinema in Belconnen Mall.

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



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