



ACT Government

2002-2003 BUDGET

YOUTH OF THE ACT GET MORE FUNDING TO HELP THEM HAVE THEIR SAY

Simon Corbell MLA, Minister for Education, Youth and Family Services announced a Budget initiative of more than \$632,000 over four years to encourage the young people of Canberra to take an active part in planning and policy development of programs for youth.

Mr Corbell said “Youth InterACT is a major new initiative which aims to encourage and increase participation by young people in community and Government. It is an initiative that recognises young people as an important group in the community and facilitates their ability to provide advice to the Government on issues important to them.”

A Minister’s Youth Forum will be established and the Pogo youth information website will be expanded to include a Youth Participation Portal. The Minister’s Youth Forum will replace the Ministerial Youth Advisory Council as the new and enhanced model for youth consultation and participation.

The Minister’s Youth Forum will consist of a consultation register of 100 - 200 young people and a steering “council” of approximately 15 young people. An annual youth conference is planned, along with two to three issue based forums. The “council” will meet regularly with the Minister to provide advice on issues affecting young people in the ACT.

Youth InterACT increases the range of youth participation mechanisms in the ACT. It draws together and promotes the ACT Government’s youth participation and consultation strategies in an accessible and youth-friendly medium.

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