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There are many exceptional people who work to promote health and prevent harms associated with alcohol and other drugs. *The First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards* aim to recognise, promote and reward outstanding practice in the AOD field in the ACT.

- **Ms Katy Gallagher MLA**, Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Health has generously agreed to present the Awards at the ACT Legislative Assembly on 11 December 2009.
- **Dr Colin Adrian**, Chief Executive Officer, of the Canberra Institute of Technology has also agreed to present certificates to recognise the workers who participated in the ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Minimum Qualification Strategy in 2009.

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Award Categories:

There are three individual award categories for 2009, which include:

a. Excellence in Alcohol and Other Drug Work Award

This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated excellence in non-clinical or clinical alcohol and other drug work in the ACT. The individual will have demonstrated a strong commitment to embodying the principles of the Awards and to conducting their professional practice with empathy, skill and knowledge.

b. Lifetime Achievements Award

This award recognises an individual who over the span of their career has consistently demonstrated a commitment to evidenced-informed and socially-just approaches to promoting the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities affected by alcohol and other drug issues. The individual will be regarded as a highly skilled, knowledgeable and experienced individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the alcohol and other drugs sector in the ACT.

c. Outstanding Contributions Award

This award recognises the contributions of an individual who has worked to prevent or reduce the psychological, physical, social and/or economic harms caused by alcohol and other drugs in the ACT. The individual need not have worked in direct service delivery or specifically in the AOD sector, but will have over a considerable period of time worked to improve the health and well-being of people affected alcohol and other drug issues.

Nomination Package:	The First Annual ACT Alcohol and Other Drug Awards – 2009 Nomination Package includes information about the Awards, the Guidelines and Categories; Nomination Information; Information for Award Recipients; and the 2009 Nomination Form. The Nomination Package and Nomination Form are available for download from www.aodsector.org.au/public/activities/Awards.htm
Key Dates:	Nominations Open: 12 October 2009 Nominations Close: 9 November 2009 Awards Ceremony: 11 December 2009
How to submit a nomination:	A completed nomination form can be submitted by: <i>Email:</i> awards@aodsector.org.au <i>Fax:</i> (02) 6249 1675 <i>Post:</i> PO Box 5232, Lyneham ACT 2602 <i>In person:</i> 46 Clianthus St, O'Connor
Getting support and more	If you would like more information, assistance or additional copies of the nomination package please contact the ACT AOD Sector Project on: <i>Email:</i> awards@aodsector.org.au

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About the ACT AOD Sector Project

The ACT AOD Sector Project, auspiced by the Youth Coalition of the ACT, is a capacity building Project that began in 2007 and is funded by ACT Health. The Project aims to build the capacity and identity of the ACT AOD sector, foster intra and cross-sectoral relationships, and improve outcomes while maintaining respect for the diversity of services and for people who are affected by AOD. For more information visit www.aodsector.org.au or contact the ACT AOD Sector Project on info@aodsector.org.au or (02) 6247 3540.

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