



The Youth Coalition of the ACT, in collaboration with the Community Coalition on Corrections and the Australian Institute of Criminology, will be hosting a seminar on Young People and Youth Diversion, hosted by Katy Gallagher, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Children and Young People:

Exploring Diversions: Implications of the New ACT Prison and Youth Detention Centre

Presented by

Julia Tresidder

Australian Institute of Criminology

This is the second in a series of seminars focused the new corrections facilities in the ACT.

Dr Julia Tresidder has 20 years experience working in the fields of youth justice, mental health and alcohol and other drugs. Her role at the Australian Institute of Criminology includes working in partnership with the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre. The AIC work for this consortium is focusing on translating the research about cannabis and related criminal justice interventions into plain English so as to provide information for the criminal justice sector about cannabis related issues. This work explores the range of interventions that police and the judicial system can use that will assist in reducing cannabis related harm in the community.

With the opening of new corrections facilities in the ACT, Julia Tresidder will explore the purpose of youth diversion schemes and highlight a range of ways that the ACT can divert young people from incarceration in relation to minor offences using cannabis issues as a case study. Minor cannabis related offences are one of a range of minor offences that can be dealt with by police in a diversionary manner.

- When:** Thursday 20 March, 2008
Time: 12.30pm - 2pm
Cost: Free
Where: ACT Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Canberra City
Food: Light refreshments provided.
Notes: Open to all. Contact Maiy on (02) 6247 3540 or mai@youthcoalition.net for more information

For more information about young people and the law visit:

www.youthcoalition.net
www.aic.gov.au
www.youthlawact.org.au

The Youth Coalition is the peak youth affairs body in the ACT and is responsible for representing the interests of people aged between 12 and 25 years of age, and those who work with them.

The Youth Work Code of Ethics and the Big Red Book (directory of youth services) are available for download from www.youthcoalition.net