



## YOGIE AWARDS 2007 NOMINATION PACKAGE

The Yogie Awards recognise, celebrate, promote and reward outstanding practice in working with young people in the ACT and surrounding area.

The Yogies are a Youth Coalition of the ACT initiative.

*Awards will be presented by: Katy Gallagher MLA  
Deputy Chief Minister, Minister for Children and Young People, Minister for Health,  
Minister for Women, Minister for Disability and Community Services*

### **Nomination package contents:**

- Information about and the Categories for the Organisation / Service / Program / Project Awards
- Information about and the Categories for the Individual Awards
- Nomination form for the Organisation / Service / Program / Project Awards
- Nomination form for the Individual Awards

### **Who can submit a nomination?**

- Any organisation or individual who works with and / or for young people in the ACT and surrounding region.
- Young people are encouraged to submit nominations about themselves, their peers, a worker and / or an organisation.
- Organisations or individuals may nominate themselves or another organisation or individual.
- An organisation or individual can submit multiple nominations.

### **How to submit your nomination:**

You can submit your completed nomination by:

Email: [steve@youthcoalition.net](mailto:steve@youthcoalition.net)  
Fax: (02) 6249 1675  
Post: PO Box 5232, Lyneham ACT 2602  
In person: 46 Clianthus St, O'Connor

**Nominations close:** Friday 9 November 2007

**For questions / assistance:** contact Steve Byrne on 6247 3540 or [steve@youthcoalition.net](mailto:steve@youthcoalition.net)

**Award ceremony:** Thursday 13 December 2007

**Proudly supported by:** Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services

# YOGIE AWARDS CATEGORIES

## Organisation, Service, Program or Project Awards

The information below provides you with the name of each award, details about each award category, an example of what the selection panel may be looking for in your nomination and a listing of previous winners.

### 1. Outstanding Achievement in Youth Participation Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, program or project that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to developing meaningful partnerships with young people.

*Example: The winner will have demonstrated best practice principles for youth participation that is meaningful, appropriate, effective and beneficial to young people. Through these practices the young people involved will have their views and contributions heard and actioned. Young people have benefited and their contribution, ideas and energies are valued.*

Previous winners:

- Create Foundation, *MISSION B Program*
- Gungahlin Youth Centre, *BLOCK PARTY*
- Hidden Corners Theatre Company
- Mental Illness Education ACT, *The Body Image Body Scrimmage Project*
- The Connection

### 2. Innovation in Practice Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, program or project that has demonstrated exceptional “thinking outside the square” to create beneficial change for young people.

*Example: The winner may have identified new ideas, program and / or practices that have been useful in working with young people, the community sector, government, business and/or the broader community.*

*A main driver for innovation may have been their courage and energy to better society for young people. This process will have involved converting knowledge and ideas into improved ways of working, which are valued by young people and the community.*

Previous winners:

- Centrelink Community Unit, Area Southwest
- Menslink, *MMM Program*
- Restorative Justice Unit, Department of Justice and Community Safety, *“Doin’ RJ” Comic*
- YWCA Youth Services, MensLink, JPET Multicultural Youth Services, ReCLINK / PCYC, *World Games Migrant/Refugee Young People Soccer Game*

### 3. Collaboration for Change Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, program or project that has demonstrated an outstanding collaboration or partnership in their community as a means to achieving positive outcomes for young people.

*Example: The winner has recognised barriers that exist to prevent effective partnerships and has demonstrated effort, skill and knowledge required to overcome them. This may acknowledge key factors for success such as persistence; effective planning and research; the development of effective cross-sector and/or inter-sector relationships; increased sharing of resources, knowledge and learning; and resulting systemic and/or local change. This could include collaborations or partnerships between community organisations, government and business.*

Previous winners:

- AIDS Action Council, Canberra Sexual Health Centre, ACT Division of General Practice, Junction Youth Health Service & Youth In The City, *T-Shirt Project (Outreach Sexual Health Testing)*
- Communities@Work Youth Services, Woden Youth Centre & Community Connections, *Blast Youth Festival*
- Co-Morbidity Project, ACT Health, *Co-Morbidity Bus Tours*
- Messengers Program, Tuggeranong Arts Centre, *Collaborations with Schools and their Community*
- Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT & Canberra Rape Crisis Centre, *SoSafe Program*
- Turnaround, LASA Youth Centre, Community Youth Justice Unit, Home Detention Unit and Care & Protection Unit, *First Trial of Home Detention in a YSAAP*

### 4. Innovation in Evaluation Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, program or project that has conceived or implemented a new or improved way of evaluating their activities when working with young people, or has demonstrated their commitment to best practice evaluation as a means to continuously improve their activities.

*Example: The winner has demonstrated their commitment to on-going quality improvement through evaluation. Through this process they have obtained accurate, meaningful and valuable information to assist in improving their work with young people.*

Previous winners:

- Menslink, *Project Oriented School Mentoring (POSM)*
- Youth Coalition of the ACT & Morgan Disney and Associates, *Peer Research Model*

### 5. Excellence in Organisational Practice Award

This award recognises an organisation, service, or program that has demonstrated excellence in organisational development as a means to achieving positive outcomes with young people.

*Example: The winner will have demonstrated excellence in one or all of the following areas:*

- a) *Professional development and support of its staff;*

- b) *Participative and inclusive practice and improving access for young people;*
- c) *Governance that supports staff and/or the organisation to achieve positive outcomes with young people.*

Previous winners:

- Centacare Youth Services
- Lowana Young Women's Refuge
- Mura Lanyon Youth Centre, *Youth Management Group*
- Office of Children Youth and Family Support, Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services
- Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT, *GLBTI registered Safe Place*
- Ted Noff Foundation, *GLBTI registered Safe Place*
- Tuggeranong Arts Centre, *The Messengers Program*
- U-Turn Youth Services, *GLBTI registered Safe Place*
- U-Turn Youth Services, *Youth Management Group*
- YWCA Mura Lanyon Youth Centre, *GLBTI registered Safe Place*
- YWCA of Canberra, *Board Traineeship Program*

(Note: this award is now an amalgamation of The Excellence in Investment in Staff, The Excellence in Inclusive Practice, and The Excellence in Governance Awards)

# YOGIE AWARDS CATEGORIES

## Individual Awards

The information below provides you with the name of each award, details about each category, an example of what the selection panel may be looking for in your nomination and a listing of previous winners.

### 1. Outstanding Youth Worker Award

This award recognises an individual youth worker who has advanced the rights and well-being of young people by advocating for systemic change, supporting young people to access full membership of society and to be decision-makers in their own lives.

*Example: This might recognise an individual who has demonstrated their commitment to young people and changing the systems that support them through their ethical, participatory and strengths-based practice.*

Previous winners:

- Andy Miles, *Barnardos Transition Program*
- Bill Collins, *Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation and Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service*
- Dr Helen Watchirs, *ACT Human Rights and Discrimination Commissioner*
- Dr Jocelyn Howe, *Junction Youth Health Service*
- Nick Henderson & Paul Nicholson, *Bit Bent*

(Note: this award was formerly known as the Outstanding Contribution of the Youth Sector Award)

### 2. Outstanding New Talent Award

This award recognises an individual youth worker, youth work trainee or volunteer that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to improving the well-being of young people.

*Example: This might recognise an individual with a commitment to working with young people; to their ongoing learning, professional development or self-improvement; or recognise the important contribution of their energy and enthusiasm.*

Previous winners:

- Adut Atem, *Multicultural Youth Service*
- Becky Hoffman from U-Turn Youth Services
- Max Barker, *Hidden Corners Theatre*
- Tia Eaglesome, *LASA Youth Refuge*

### 3. Lifetime Achievement Award

This award recognises an individual who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to supporting and improving the well-being of young people in the ACT.

*Example: This might recognise an individual who has worked with and for young people over a number of years to advance their status in society. They may have had a series of positions in the community and government sectors. They will be regarded as a senior practitioner in the field who is highly skilled, knowledgeable and experienced.*

Previous winners:

- Dave Corby, *Youth Coalition of the ACT*
- Kevin Ruddick, *YWCA of Canberra & Canberra Institute of Technology CIT*
- Kim Davision, *Gugan Gulwan Aboriginal Youth Corporation*
- Marilyn Graham, *Lowana Young Women's Service*
- Micheal Marriott, *Barnardos Transition Program*

#### **4. Outstanding Contribution to Young People Award**

This award recognises an outstanding individual who works to improve the well-being of young people in the ACT.

*Example: This might recognise an individual who works "behind the scenes" and rarely receives the recognition for their integral work of supporting young people, workers, organisations, programs and individuals. They might be a youth worker or volunteer or work in an administrative capacity, such as an office manager or book-keeper.*

Previous winners:

- Berenice Christummeum
- Greg Ryan, *Volunteer with Youth in the City & Northside Community Service*
- Jane Nielson (formerly Carmedy), *Winnungah Nimmytija Aboriginal Health Service*
- Joy Whitcombe, *Salvation Army*
- Kim Hopper, *Canberra Youth Refuge*
- Kim Peters, *Lowana Young Women's Service*
- Linda McHugh, *Canberra Youth Theatre*
- Lisa Kelly, *Lifeline ACT*
- Luisa Latukefu, *Maternal and Child Health Nurse, ACT Health*
- Office of the Community Advocate
- Peter Schwarz, *Open Family*
- Rhonda Fuzzard, *Canberra Youth Refuge*
- Richel Malouf, *Domestic Violence Crisis Service*
- Sindy Pearson, *Woden Youth Centre*
- St. Nicholas Young Carers Camps, *St. Vincent de Paul Society*
- Tom Zinkel, *Gunghalin Youth Services*

(Note: this award is now an amalgamation of The Commitment, The Unsung Hero, The Hanging In and the Overachievers Awards)



## Organisation, Service, Program or Project Awards

### Nomination Form

Please select from the following awards:

- Outstanding Achievement in Youth Participation Award
- Innovation in Practice Award
- Collaboration for Change Award
- Innovation in Evaluation Award
- Excellence in Organisational Practice Award

#### **NOMINEE INFORMATION**

*(Provide details about the organisation, service, program or project being nominated)*

**Name of Organisation, Service, Program or Project being nominated:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Brief Description of Nominated Organisation, Service, Program or Project:**

*(E.g. Some history about the nominee, When did it start? Who is it for? How many people were involved? What are the aims and objectives? etc. Word limit: 100 words)*

**Reason for Nomination:**

*(E.g. How does it address the award category and example? What have been some of the outcomes? What makes the nominee outstanding, innovative, unique or special? Who has been involved? Why has it worked? How did it achieve its aims? What are you most proud of or happy with? Word limit: 300 words)*

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

*(Provide details about you – the person writing and submitting the nomination)*

**Name:**

**Organisation (if applicable):**

**Are you a member of the Youth Coalition?**    Yes    No    Don't Know

**Daytime Phone Number:**

**Email:**

*Remember: nominations close Friday 9 November 2007*



## Individual Awards

### Nomination Form

Please select from the following awards:

- Outstanding Youth Worker Award
- Outstanding New Talent Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Outstanding Contribution to Young People Award (The Unsung Hero Award)

#### NOMINEE INFORMATION

*(Provide details about the organisation, service, program or project being nominated)*

**Name of Individual being nominated:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Brief Description of the Individual:**

*(E.g. Some background history about the nominee, Where do they currently work? What is their role? etc. Word limit: 100 words)*

**Reason for Nomination:**

*(E.g. How do they reflect the award category and example? How has their work impacted on and benefited young people? What makes the nominee outstanding, innovative, unique or special? What are you / they most proud of or happy with? Word limit: 300 words)*

**NOMINATOR INFORMATION**

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