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**LIVE IT NOW**  
**10 – 18 Apr 2010**

## **Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD)**

**‘Countdown... Everyone Counts.’**

***Wednesday 14 April 2010.***

***11 – 2 pm***

***Garema Place, Canberra City***

YHMD is about raising the public’s awareness about youth homelessness and to celebrate the resilience of young people who are experiencing homelessness in Australia. The theme for YHMD, **‘Countdown... Everyone Counts.’** aims to: reflect the fact that youth homelessness affects a range of young people in different circumstances and for different reasons; highlight the Australian Government’s current commitment to reduce homelessness; and, remind the community that homelessness is ‘everyone’s responsibility’

YHMD will provide young people and youth services in the ACT with an opportunity to come together to raise awareness of youth homelessness in the Canberra community.

- Construct the *YHMD Tepee*, created in conjunction with young people accessing youth homelessness services in the ACT and Galilee LIFT Project.
- Grab a team of 4 to build your own castle from recycled cardboard boxes and decorate them with YOUR opinions on what counts with YWCA SCOPE’s *Cardboard Castle Competition*.
- Hang in the YWCA SCOPE *Outreach Lounge* (S.O.L.) and chat with mates, workers and other interesting people.
- BBQ Lunch, hosted by CatholicCare, Canberra and Goulburn
- See what homelessness looks like in the collaborative street theatre performance ‘I count’
- Live Music, DJ, Prizes and Giveaways!

*For more information or to get involved, contact Kat or Anna at the Youth Coalition of the ACT on 6247 3540*

