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What I'm learning...

Hi! I'm Jodie Griffiths-Cook, and in May this year I started working as the Children and Young People Commissioner for the ACT. My job is to help make Canberra a better place for children and young people.

One of the best things about my job is that I get to talk to children and young people and find out the things that really matter for them, and what they think about issues that affect them.

I also get to speak to government, service providers, law makers, community advocates, teachers (and anyone else who I think might need to know (2) about how we can make Canberra better for children and young people. If something is not right, I speak up about it; if something can be done better, I suggest changes.

I moved to Canberra from Queensland and I am enjoying learning all about how the ACT looks and feels for children and young people; my kids are enjoying it too.

Recently I was at the Canberra CareersXpo at Exhibition Park, and enjoyed meeting lots of young people there. I took along some postcards inviting young people to drop me a line about what would make Canberra better. Over 220 young people filled out postcards giving me suggestions! Fantastic! Some of the key themes from their messages are in the cloud above. So many great ideas about things to focus on and improve: from education to festivals, from transport to tackling bullying and so much more.

Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas with me. They will help shape my work and what I focus on. I'm looking forward to meeting more children and young people when I'm out and about, and you can drop me a line anytime at ACTkids@act.gov.au

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