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MEDIA RELEASE

Great Ydeas Small Grants – 2013 Recipients

The YWCA of Canberra announced the 2013 recipients at the World YWCA Day Round the World Breakfast this morning

The Great Ydeas Small Grants Program aims to help women achieve their potential. First launched in 2010, it offers financial assistance to women in Canberra and the surrounding regions to help them develop their skills and enhance their contribution to themselves, their families and their community.

Projects selected by the assessment panel improve the potential of women in the local community by lifting the profile of women's issues, raising feminist roles in the activity, contributing to policy development or public attention around important women issues and building women's leadership skills in a community or family role.

The annual pool of funds available through the Great Ydeas Small Grants Program is \$8,000.

The YWCA of Canberra is pleased to congratulate the following women on their successful applications:

Anna Ehmann - Co-Op Pop-Up

Through the opening of a 'pop-up' healthy style café inside the Food Co-Op at ANU Anna will develop her business skills.

Claire Natoli, Alisa Draskovic, Elaine Li - Australasian Youth Justice Conference –

Two members of the ANU Prisoner Advocacy Committee will attend the Australian Youth Justice Conference "Changing trajectories of offending and reoffending", 20-22 May 2013 to further their knowledge and build networks within the area of their passion.

Jo Allebone - Martial Women and Girls ACT

To support Martial Women and Girls community network with the organization of martial arts events and promotion.

Katherine Meacham and Tanya Bae - Supporting Our Sisters

To provide First Aid training for six members of SOS as well as the purchase of six First Aid kits to help SOS assisting other young women and keep them safe after a Friday night out in the City.

Merija Gilbert-Puttock - Women Reclaiming Themselves

Melissa will attend a one-day editing course to assist her with the preparation of her book about the experiences of women and children who have experienced foster care.

Tjanara Goreng Goreng - United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Tjanara, as an Elder and mentor for a young Aboriginal woman, will attend the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues at the United Nations in New York in May 2013.

We would like to thank all entrants for their application and congratulate them on the calibre of the applications received.

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