

MEDIA ALERT

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Australia's young women attract powerful advocacy experts

A grant from the Australian Government Office for Women has allowed more than 50 young Guide members from across Australia to benefit from an advocacy forum being run from 11 – 14 January at a Girl Guide Property in North Turrumurra.

The purpose of the forum is to build the women's capacity to take on greater leadership responsibilities in advocacy. It is also to learn and develop an understanding of the United Nations Millennium Development goals and Guiding's responsibility as a worldwide organisation to further these.

TODAY at 4pm, many leaders of many non-government organisations will join the forum to enable to young women to learn more about issues such as poverty, education, gender, child mortality, maternal health, the environment, HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

Speakers will be:

Cara Bevington – OXFAM

Julie Mckay – UNIFEM

Terri-Anne Johnson - Clean Up Australia

Anna Dekker – UNICEF

Jacob Sarkodee - World Vision

Margaret Bell - Medecins sans Frontieres

Dr Gabrielle Casper – Australian Women's Coalition

Judith Poole – Principal of Abbotsleigh Girls School.

Location: **Cnr of Miowera & Milton Rd, North Turrumurra.**

Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia, Lynne Price is available for comment.

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