



## Katy Gallagher MLA

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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Five young women have great *Ydeas*

Chief Minister Katy Gallagher this morning awarded five young women *Great Ydeas Grants* at the YWCA of Canberra's Round the World Breakfast.

"This year's global Round the World Breakfast celebrates World YWCA Day and provides an opportunity for YWCA's around the globe to come together in honouring the contributions of women leaders in their communities.

"The *Great Ydeas Grants Program* aims to raise the profile of women's issues, contribute to policy development and public discussion about gender equality, promote cultural diversity, support intergenerational leadership, and enhance women's professional and personal skills," the Chief Minister said.

The *Great Ydeas Small Grants program* provides annual funding of \$8,000 and this year Zonta Canberra Chapter provided an additional \$10,000. Caterina Giorgi, Hannah McCann, Caitlan Sandercock, Hannah Wandel and Heidi Zajac were all successful recipients in the 2014 grants round.

"I am very pleased that these young, successful women have been awarded a grant which invests in their development, which in turn helps them support other women and girls and advance social change.

"Women often have unique ideas but sometimes don't have the means to make these ideas come to life. This program enables them to do just that.

"Their projects will deliver training to support women in the not-for-profit sector, explore queer Femme identity and activism in the US, develop new online resources for aid workers, give rural girls the chance to visit Canberra to meet powerful female community leaders and leverage digital communication and social media to connect Australian and Timorese young women through cooking," the Chief Minister said.

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"I congratulate the winners of the 2014 *Great Ydeas Small Grants* and hope that they can be a source of inspiration to other women," the Chief Minister concluded.

### Statement Ends

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