MEDIA ALERT

DEBATE ON

ARE THERE TOO MANY ARTS GRADUATES?

Anyone interested in participating in the Australia Council's Arts in Focus Forum on Thursday 2 April can join our Internet On-Line Forum from 10.00am tomorrow.

The live Forum, on the topic "*Are there too many arts graduates*?" will take place in Perth on Thursday afternoon, however a special On-Line Moderator, Mr Mike Legget, will keep the On-Line Forum operating for 4 days until Sunday so that interested people all over Australia can participate.

The Council's Public Affairs Manager, Lancia Jordana, said its the first time the organisation has staged an Australia wide discussion via the Internet.

"We hope to be able to feed questions and comments back into the live Forum at Perth's Hyatt Hotel, where a line-up of eminent speakers and several hundred people will take part in the debate" she said.

Material gathered from the Forum, along with other public discussions planned throughout this year, will be published and made available on the Council's website.

The website address is www.ozco.gov.au/whatsnew

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