The Territory Government is listening to the Territory’s young people, announcing the 16 new members of the Chief Minister’s Round Table of Young Territorians for 2015.

“Empowering young Territorians was the order of the day today as we gave these up-and-coming leaders the opportunity to give advice directly to Government,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“We want young people to invest in their future and to take pride in the knowledge they are the representatives of the youth of the Northern Territory.

“It is great to hear their thoughts and feedback on the direction the Territory is taking. Members of the round table are incredibly important to the decision making process.

“Only last week, we were pleased to announce a $4.2 million package of funding for early intervention programs for young people in our regions. This funding grew out of feedback we received from last year’s Chief Minister’s Youth Round Table members, showing just how important this forum has become.

“The Giles Government is here to make lives simpler, safer and easier for Territorians and we want to support young people from all backgrounds, so it is vital for us to receive the advice of Round Table Members.”

Minister for young Territorians Peter Styles said members of the 2015 Round Table come from towns and communities across the Territory including Alice Springs, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Nauiyu/Daly River, Darwin, Palmerston and the Rural Area.

"Everybody has the right to have their voice heard, especially when it comes to their future, and young people are 100 per cent of the Northern Territories future,” Minister Styles said.

“The Chief Ministers Round Table of Young Territorians provides an opportunity for them to connect directly with the government, through people their own age who understand the issues directly affecting them.
“As minister for Young Territorians I look forward to the projects and ideas that come from these meetings as the 16 members have come from geographic, cultural and ethnically diverse backgrounds.”

During their term on the Round Table, members will use information collected from the youth issues survey to undertake a community based project focusing on an area of interest that concerns their local community.

Members will present outcomes of their consultations and research to the NT Government at Parliament House in December 2015.

*** The full list of new members of the Roundtable is below***

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**Darwin**

- Ritwick Dasgupta - 16 years
- Gabrielle Hale - 18
- Lauren Northcote - 17
- Daniel Murdoch - 18
- Aurora Jan - 17

**Darwin Rural**

- Lana Sobieralski - 18
- Joelen Puntoriero - 21

**Palmerston**

- Nicholas Harding - 15
- Tenneil Ross - 19
- Venaska Cheliah - 21

**Nhulunbuy**

- Savanne Canobie - 16
- Ineke Wallis - 20

**Nauiyu/Daly River**
• Jerome Gilbert - 22

Katherine

• Edna Snape - 19

Alice Springs

• Nooria Muradi - 16
• Lauren Yan - 17