National Youth Week to highlight NT Future Leaders

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The search is on to find one of the Northern Territory’s future leaders in the lead up to 2016 National Youth Week.

Applications are now open for the role of NT Young Ambassador who will play an important part in promoting and implementing the activities of National Youth Week (NYW) from April 8 - 17 next year.

NYW is the single largest celebration of young people aged 12 to 25 years across Australia and it continues to grow bigger in the Northern Territory each year.

In 2015 more than 6700 young people attended 87 activities and events across the Territory with in excess of 650 youths involved in planning and staging the festivities, ultimately aimed at enabling youths to express their ideas, showcase their talents and provide them with a voice.

“National Youth Week is an important event in the NT, providing an excellent array of opportunities for young Territorians to express their ideas, showcase their talents and provide them with a voice,” said Minister for Young Territorians Peter Styles.

“As ‘The Face’ of National Youth Week in the Top End the 2016 NT Young Ambassador will provide an important youth perspective for organisers and help to encourage other young people to participate in National Youth Week activities.

“It’s also an excellent opportunity for that young person to develop their public speaking skills, meet a variety of different people and generally make a difference in the community.

“As Minister for Youth Affairs I would like to thank the 2015 NT Youth Ambassador Sharnie Roberts, she did a fantastic job and is a true example of the type of enthusiastic and capable young people we have here in the Northern Territory.”

Those looking for more information or to apply should contact the National Youth Week Coordinator on phone: 8999 3880, email: oya@nt.gov.au or visit www.youth.nt.gov.au.

The Northern Territory Government also supports National Youth Week by offering funding for youth engagement activities held during the 10-day National Youth Week celebrations.
And as part of the NYW celebrations the NT Government is also providing funding grants of up to $3,000 for youth development/leadership and drug and alcohol free entertainment for young people.

The grants are designed to fund exciting, creative ideas which provide safe and secure youth entertainment opportunities.

“The Northern Territory Government believes young people are not only our investment in the future, but are an important part of what makes the Territory a vibrant and dynamic place, that is why this type of funding so crucial to the future of the Top End,” Minister Styles said.

Grants close November 2 and anyone interested in holding an event or workshop is encouraged to visit [www.youth.nt.gov.au](http://www.youth.nt.gov.au) or get in contact with the Office of Youth Affairs on 8999 3862.

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