Youth Round Table outlines key recommendations of young Territorians

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Education surrounding drugs and alcohol has been highlighted as one of the key issues facing young Territorians at the 2015 Chief Minister’s Youth Round Table Meeting today.

Representing Chief Minister Adam Giles at today’s gathering at Parliament House, Minister for Young Territorians Peter Styles listened to the group outline its key findings after 12 months of information gathering in relation to issues impacting Territory youths.

“The Chief Minister’s Youth Round Table is designed to provide a direct communication avenue between young Territorians and the Northern Territory Government,” Minister Styles said.

“The group is made up of 14 representatives aged 15 to 25 years from across the Northern Territory including Nauiyu (Daly River), Darwin, Palmerston, Darwin Rural, Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs.

“They represent the geographic, cultural and ethnic diversity of the Territory.

“These young Territorians are an inspiration to us all. I was extremely impressed by the comprehensive investigations and consultation they have undertaken over the past year and I will certainly be passing on their valuable insights to my Ministerial colleagues.”

The 2015 Round Table Members’ community-based Project Presentations included:

- Alternatives to School-based Education for Alcohol and Other Drugs - Presented by Aurora Jan, Nooria Muradi, Ritwik Dasgupta and Nicholas Harding.

An investigation into current alcohol and other drugs education within Northern Territory schools and the potential for alternative education methods to explore these topics (group project).

- Challenges facing young people in the Child Protection System, particularly in Residential Homes - Presented by Tenneil Ross

A personal reflection and research that looks at the challenges facing young people in the Child Protection System, in particular, group residential homes. Tenneil aims to improve outcomes for young Territorians within the care system.

- Female participation in secondary school physics and mathematical studies in the Northern Territory - Presented by Lauren Northcote
An investigation into gender imbalances in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) within secondary school.

- **Eating Disorder Specialty Bed at Royal Darwin Hospital** - *Presented by Venaska Cheliah*
  
  Explores the feasibility of an eating disorder specialty bed at Royal Darwin Hospital and highlights the need for more resources in the Northern Territory for people suffering from eating disorders.

- **Development of programs and activities that aim to build respectful relationships between culturally diverse young people in Nhulunbuy.** - *Prepared by Savanne Canobie*
  
  Savanne develops a number of different activities which assist with cultural immersion at her school. She investigates the various aspects of Indigenous culture that can be shared with the aim to build respect and relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people.

- **Youth suicide in remote areas of the Northern Territory** - *Presented by Jerome Gilbert*
  
  Development of a Nauiyu Healing Camp for young people suffering from alcohol and other drug misuse and mental health issues. The camp aims to connect young people back to country.

- **Investigating funding for youth programs in the Northern Territory.** - *Presented by Daniel Murdoch*
  
  Explores the challenges that face young people and small organisations when applying for funding for youth programs and events.

For more information on the Youth Round Table visit the Northern Territory Government [website](#).

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