Dale Wakefield
Minister for Territory Families

Giving Young People a Voice in Government

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Young Territorians have been given a voice in Government with the first NT Youth Roundtable for 2017 recommencing this weekend.

Minister for Territory Families, Dale Wakefield, today met with the Members of the 2017 Youth Roundtable at an induction session, providing them with an opportunity to discuss some of the issues impacting young Territorians.

The Youth Roundtable brings together 16 young Territorians, from all corners of the NT, aged between 16 to 25 years who represent the geographic, cultural and ethnic diversity of the Territory.

Ms Wakefield said 2017 marks 20 years of the Youth Roundtable and she valued the opportunity to be able to sit down with the new members to listen and learn more about the issues affecting young people around the Territory.

“It’s important that young Territorians have a voice in government and the Youth Roundtable is an effective tool for young people to input their ideas and feedback via their regional representatives who can then feed this information back directly to government,” Ms Wakefield said.

“These young people have the opportunity to provide advice and solutions to government and help shape current and future youth policies, programs and services throughout the Territory.”

Roundtable members will also undertake projects that focus on seeking solutions to issues of particular concern to young people in their local region.

Members – who come together to meet formally four times a year - will present the outcomes of their projects to the NT Government at Parliament House in December.

They were selected from applications received late last year in response to advertising seeking young people interested in representing their region to step up and apply.

Attached: List of the 2017 Youth Round Table members

Youth Roundtable 2017 Members