Business Minister Paul Henderson today called on the Territory’s young entrepreneurs to get involved in one-day conferences to be held across the Territory next week.

Mr Henderson made the call as he met with the current Northern Territory Telstra Young Businesswoman of the Year, April Goodman of Moving Pictures Pty Ltd, in Alice Springs on Friday.

Organised by Northern Territory Young Australian of the Year Damien Moriarty and sponsored by the Northern Territory Government, the free conferences are being held in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs.

“The Youth Enterprise Development, or Y-Trep, Conferences are a great way for young Territorians to hear more about starting out and making it in business,” Mr Henderson said.

“I commend Mr Moriarty for his efforts in getting these youth-led youth-run conferences off the ground, and I am pleased the Government has been able to sponsor the conferences to the tune of $2000.”

Part of national Youth Week, the conferences will feature information on networking, marketing and basic business planning.

There will be guest speakers at each event, including Mr Moriarty; Mr Stefan Wood of Northern Air Charter; and Mr Jeremy Geia, a former National Young Indigenous Leader of the Year.

“Representatives from the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development and the Office of Youth Affairs will also be on hand to give information about Government services available for young Territorians,” said Mr Henderson.

“I hope as many young entrepreneurs as possible can make it along to a Y-Trep conference.”

Y-Trep will be in Alice Springs on Tuesday 30 March, at the Crowne Plaza Conference Rooms; Katherine on Wednesday 31 March at the YMCA; and Darwin on Friday 2 April at the Holiday Inn Darwin (formerly the Travelodge).

To register for the Y-Trep conferences, contact Damien Moriarty on 0402 349 572 or email damien@topcoins.com.