Dale Wakefield
Minister for Territory Families

Young Territorians Helping To Shape Our Territory

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Young Territorians are being encouraged to have their voices heard, with applications now open for the 2017 Chief Minister’s Round Table of Young Territorians.

Minister for Territory Families, Dale Wakefield, said the Round Table is a direct communication link between young Territorians and the Northern Territory Government, providing an important mechanism for government to understand the perspective and ideas of our youth.

“This is a fantastic initiative and I encourage young Territorians to put their hands up to be part of an inspiring, active group who can make a difference,” Ms Wakefield said.

“The Round Table is a chance for Young Territorians to get involved and have their views heard on issues that interest or affect them and their peers within their communities.

“Up to 16 members aged 15 to 25 years will make up the Round Table, representing the geographic, cultural and ethnic diversity in the Northern Territory.

“This is an opportunity for young people to voice their opinions and have a real impact on government policy,” Ms Wakefield said.

Round Table members meet four times a year to discuss important youth issues with peers, youth groups, service providers, and government representatives. Members are also approached for feedback or input into a wide variety of policies and initiatives and to attend events.

Previously topics have included suicide prevention, mental health and wellbeing and drugs and alcohol education – all of which are important issues in the Territory.

Applications are open until 14 October 2016. To find out more, visit www.youth.nt.gov.au or contact oya@nt.gov.au.

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