A group that will encourage the professional development of young public sector workers in Central Australia was launched today by Member for Port Darwin, Kerry Sacilotto.

Ms Sacilotto, representing the Chief Minister at the Alice Springs launch of the Young Professionals Network, said the group would encourage young people to pursue their careers in the Northern Territory.

“There’s a growing force of young professionals in the Territory but we need to make sure we encourage these people to stay and allow them to develop professionally,” Ms Sacilotto said.

“We have to let our young people know they can stay in the Territory, especially in regional centres like Alice Springs, and get experience and build their careers here.

“That’s where forums like the Young Professionals Network are important.

“It provides an avenue for discussion and exchanging knowledge and also gives young people coming up through the public sector an opportunity to contribute to issues that will impact on the future development of the Territory.”

The Young Professionals Network is affiliated with the Institute of Public Administration and supports the professional and personal development of young people in the public sector.

“Groups such as the Young Professionals Network have an important role to play in looking at ways the Northern Territory public sector can recruit and retain young people,” Ms Sacilotto said.

“I congratulate all those involved in getting YPN off the ground in Alice Springs and I’m sure we’ll be hearing a lot more from this talented group of young people.”

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