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MINISTER FOR YOUNG TERRITORIANS

NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 YOUTH ROUND TABLE NOW OPEN

October 1st, 2012

Chief Minister Terry Mills has announced nominations are now open to join the 2013 Chief Minister's Round Table of Young Territorians.

Mr Mills made the announcement at the Territory's first ever Youth Conference which kicked off today at the Darwin Convention Centre.

"Often young people feel they are unable to influence important issues because of their age – this is something I want to change," Mr Mills said.

"With the Round Table now reporting directly to me, young Territorians have an opportunity to voice their opinions and have a real impact on government policy.

"We are looking for 16 young people from across the Territory – so if you want to make a real difference in the community, I encourage you to apply.

"I would also like to thank the 2012 Round Table members for the hard work and commitment they have put in this year."

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be 15 to 25 and able to commit to four face-to-face meetings in Darwin in 2013 as well as monthly teleconferences.

Applications close Friday 9 November 2012. For more information visit www.youth.nt.gov.au .

The inaugural Youth NT Conference runs from October 1-2 and has attracted more than 160 delegates from across the Territory and interstate.

"The Youth NT Conference is a fantastic opportunity for young Territorians to come together and discuss issues facing themselves and their peers." Mr Mills said.

"Discussion topics this year include reducing substance abuse and petrol sniffing, improving education in remote communities, social media and the importance of respectful relationships and how to access mental health information and support.

"I would like to thank the organisers and sponsors for enabling this important event to occur."

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