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YOUTH EVENTS TO IMAGINE, CREATE & INSPIRE

Thousands of young people will imagine and create inspiring events during Youth Week 2012 (April 13 - 22), with the help of over a quarter of a million dollars in NSW Government funding, Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello MP announced today.

Mr Dominello, the Minister responsible for youth affairs, said the State’s 152 councils will share in just over $260,000 to support local Youth Week events such as forums, debates, film festivals and music concerts.

“Youth Week highlights the tremendous creativity and energy that young people bring to our community,” Mr Dominello said.

“It is vital that older generations support young people to be active in community life and decision-making, because we all benefit from fresh ideas and diverse perspectives.

“Youth Week is an exciting opportunity for people in NSW aged 12 to 25 to express their ideas, plan action on issues affecting their lives, and create their own entertainment.

“This year Youth Week will run from 13 to 22 April and the theme is Imagine Create Inspire.

“The NSW Government is proud to help young people express themselves and take action through Youth Week – I can’t wait to see what they come up with this year!”

Youth Week 2011 in NSW involved more than 4,300 young people planning and running more than 800 local Youth Week activities, events and projects attended by almost 100,000 young people.

Mr Dominello said he is delighted that all 152 councils in NSW are celebrating Youth Week this year.

“Youth Week began as a NSW Government initiative in 1989 and has since grown to be a celebration of young people in every State and Territory across the country,” he said.

“I encourage all young people in NSW to get involved in local Youth Week events and make their voices heard in 2012.”

For more information visit the website at www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au.