NSW Government looking for young advisors

The NSW Government is looking for smart and switched on young people who want to help tackle the issues facing their generation, Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello announced today.

Mr Dominello, who is responsible for youth affairs, said applications are now open for 2013 membership of the NSW Youth Advisory Council.

“The NSW Youth Advisory Council is one of the most effective ways for young people to be involved in government decision making,” said Mr Dominello.

“The 12 member council provides a direct avenue of communication between young people and the NSW Government.

“ Their unique insights, opinions and advice assist in the development of youth-related policies and programs.

“The council meets regularly throughout the year to discuss a range of relevant topics, as well as monitoring and evaluating policy and legislation which affects young people,” Mr Dominello said.

Council members come from all over the State and are broadly representative of the diversity of young people living in NSW.

Young people aged 12 to 25 with experience in youth and community organisations are encouraged to apply for membership.

“The Youth Advisory Council plays an important role in guiding NSW Government youth affairs and raising the views of young people,” Mr Dominello said.

“I hope to see a lot of diversity in the 2013 council, including young people from metropolitan, regional and rural areas, from Aboriginal communities, and from diverse cultural backgrounds.

“I look forward to working with an inspiring group of young people who are passionate about youth affairs,” he said.

Information and application forms are available at www.youth.nsw.gov.au or email yac@yac.nsw.gov.au. The closing date for applications is Monday, 29 October 2012 at 5pm. Appointments will be announced in early 2013.

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