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### National Indigenous Youth Leadership Group

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor would like to draw to the attention of the New England electorate's Indigenous youth an opportunity to be part of The National Indigenous Youth Leadership Group (NIYLG) to discuss the future directions for indigenous communities.

"The NIYLG is designed to provide Indigenous youth with a forum for discussion of issues relevant to them and to ensure these issues are considered in policy making processes," Mr Windsor said.

"Applicants should be between 18-24 years of age, have strong leadership skills, be role models in their community and have made significant contributions towards community development.

"Successful applicants will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences and perspectives, advise government on the most effective ways to empower indigenous youth and promote positive images for young people.

"Previous projects included the development of a website that helped connect young indigenous students with support groups, information networks and role models.

"Another set up a football competition between indigenous youth and the local police service to challenge stereotypes and promote positive interaction.

"This is a terrific opportunity for indigenous youth to get involved on issues affecting their communities. Participants will also learn about leadership, community consultation and public speaking," Mr Windsor said.

Nominations close on 14 May 2004 and further information is available from NIYLG on free call 1800 624 309 or on the web: [www.thesource.gov.au/niylg](http://www.thesource.gov.au/niylg).

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