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MEDIA ALERT

YOUTH WEEK 2005

YNOT YOUTH FORUM

Sharon will open the Youth Network Opportunity Transfer Forum, an informal exchange between young people and youth service providers.

7.00pm to 9.00pm
Thursday 7 April 2005
Newcastle Regional Art Gallery

National Youth Week is an ideal time to celebrate the contributions and achievements of young people in Newcastle, and there are many events planned over the coming weeks to do just that.

It is also a time to look at the services being provided to our young people to ensure that they are being provided with the best possible opportunities.

The YNOT Forum allows young people to bring their concerns, ideas and aspirations directly to those who are responsible for service provision.

Newcastle's teenage unemployment rate of 32.1% shows that the Federal Government should be doing more to build the skills and confidence of our young people.

During the many events being held to mark National Youth Week, I will be listening to the youth of our city as they outline their concerns.

I encourage all young people in Newcastle to celebrate National Youth Week, and to use this time to make their voices heard.

National Youth Week runs from 9 to 17 April 2005.

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