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NIDA brings its expertise to Tamworth

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper is encouraging young people interested in a career in theatre, film or television to take advantage of a visit to Tamworth by the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA).

NIDA contacted Mr Draper's office with details of its Open Program which provides community access to NIDA's expertise through a variety of pre-vocational short courses in areas such as acting, TV presenting, directing and design, video making, voice, comedy and Shakespeare.

"I think this would be a great opportunity for aspiring young actors to explore their dramatic potential through a course provided by an institute renowned for launching stage careers," Mr Draper said.

NIDA, known as the Australian national theatre school and centre of excellence in education and training, will visit Tamworth as well as several other regional centres including Armidale with Open Program courses taught by NIDA graduates and experts from the entertainment industry.

The short courses are designed to provide an invaluable educational experience, for young people, particularly in the development of self-confidence and skills in communication and creative collaboration.

NIDA's Open Program in Tamworth will conduct a four day Acting for Screen and Stage Course for youths between 12 and 15 years, and for 16 years and above.

The cost is \$360 (\$330 early bird fee) and will be conducted at the Calrossy School in Brisbane St, Tamworth, between October 5 and 8.

Applications forms are available at Mr Draper's electorate office at 13 Fitzroy St; by post through: Open Program, NIDA, UNSW, Sydney, NSW, 2052; or by Fax to NIDA: 9313 6590.

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