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City of Greater Geraldton recognised again August 16, 2011

Following hot on the heels of being a finalist in one globally recognised award, the City of Greater Geraldton can lay claim to being a finalist in yet another.

The City recently received confirmation of a final berth in the International Awards for Liveable Communities 2011 or the LivCom Awards, after coming 5th in the Reinhard Mohn 2011 Prize for Vitalising Democracy.

The LivCom Awards, run by the United Nations Environment program (UNEP) is the world's only awards competition focussing on International Best Practice regarding the management of the local environment. The objective of LivCom is to develop and share International Best Practice, with the further objective of improving the quality of life of individual citizens through the creation of 'liveable communities'.

City Director of Creative Communities, Andrea Selvey, said she is delighted the City's submission has made the finals in the Whole City section of the 2011 LivCom Awards.

"It is exciting to be chosen as a finalist, and to have the hard work the City puts in to making our community a liveable one, judged so highly," she said.

"Participation in the awards is an investment in the future of our community and a kind of self-audit process that could provide a basis for a future plan to create a liveable community,

"This award sits well with our 2029 and Beyond Sustainable Future City Region Project, for which we ranked 5th out of 123 entries from 36 countries in the Reinhard Mohn Prize, and we are pleased to have used an entry in the 'Geraldton feels right to me because' competition - run as part of this project - as the cover of the submission," Ms Selvey said.







She said St Francis Xavier Primary School Year 6 student, Isabelle Perks's entry was chosen and the school is very excited to be part of the submission.

"It is wonderful to have community involvement in this way and the school will watch the progress with much interest," said Ms Selvey

The finals will be held in Songpa, South Korea in October.

LivCom is non-political, embracing all nations and cultures, and over 50 countries have been represented within the Awards.

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