

THE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS



FOR LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

LivCom AWARDS

The 21th International Awards for Liveable Communities

In collaboration with the 3rd URS Conference



Whole City Award seeking for best urban cases

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Whole City Awards

The International Awards for Liveable Communities is the world's only Competition for local communities that focuses on environmental management and the creation of liveable communities.

The objective of LivCom is to encourage best practice, innovation and leadership in providing a vibrant, environmentally sustainable community that improves the quality of life.

Involvement in the Awards will result in increased international profile for your community and an opportunity to become aware of International Best Practice in the management of the local environment.

There are five population categories in the Awards. Communities are not compared with others within their population category but are judged as to how they are performing in respect of the judging criteria within the cultural, political, economic, geographic and climatic environment in which they are situated.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Communities of different sizes and in different cultures have different structures and responsibilities. If, within a Judging Criterion, there is an area of activity that is not the direct responsibility of the community, it will be expected, both in the Written Submission and in the Final stages of the Awards, that it is demonstrated how the community makes use of opportunities to influence policies in these areas.

1. Enhancement of the Landscapes and Public Spaces

Landscapes, in the context of the Awards, are the aspects of the City and Townscape, which create an environment enhanced through horticultural and

infrastructure designs, in particular including public spaces such as gardens, parks and squares. The Submission should describe the key features or vision of the community's landscape, and demonstrate how landscaping and public spaces in a community has brought together all of the distinct elements, both built and natural, so as to establish a sympathetic relationship between the built and natural landscape.

LivCom seeks evidence of the protection of the natural heritage and of ecologically important sites, biodiversity and introduction of vegetation in more difficult environments. This section should demonstrate how the landscape in your community has been enhanced to create an environment that generates civic pride, facilitates enjoyable recreational experiences and improves the quality of life within your community.

2. Arts, Culture and Heritage Management

This section should demonstrate how the community values and embodies its own unique culture through recognition of its languages, its unique arts and craft and cultural practices within their way of life and how it values its heritage both in its buildings and monuments and its spiritual places or historic events through recognition, interpretation and protection. This may be with original cultures or new individual cultures within multicultural populations. Festivals and events often celebrate these dimensions or become part of the culture itself. It should demonstrate how these groups are

included within society generally. LivCom seeks to evaluate how well the arts in all their forms are generally encouraged and recognized through public exposure, community celebration and support.

3. Environmental Protection and Green Economy

This section should demonstrate how the community has adopted innovative environmentally sensitive practices and pursues initiatives that result in sustainable management of the environment as well as develop a green economy consciously to realize industrial transition towards environmentally friendly direction. Evidence should be included which demonstrates that the community is involved in efforts to apply sustainable development and to promote best practices that lead to the development, conservation and preservation of the environment. This would include the enhancement of the quality of air, water and land, biodiversity, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the consumption of natural resources through use of alternative materials and sources of energy and recycling.

4. Community Participation and Empowerment

This section should demonstrate the method and style of ongoing involvement of individuals, groups and Organizations in the planning, development and management of the local community, and how the local community is empowered and reacts to the opportunity of being involved in its development. Components of this section will include integration, development, satisfaction, resources and involvement.

5. Healthy Lifestyle

This section will need to demonstrate a clear understanding of the health issues that affect communities, supported by appropriate research and a commitment to making improvements. A track record of achievement in tackling these health issues will be necessary for example indicating the provision of facilities and lifestyle programmes, targeted towards improving the health of the community. Reviews of the successful implementation of these facilities and programmes would enhance the credibility of the submissions in this criterion. At the same time, lifestyle should reflect the improvement of residents' living standards, residents' initiative to reduce carbon emissions and enhancement of the city's cohesiveness. It should be shown to what extent the wider community is encouraged to participate in recreational, sports and cultural activities (especially festival celebrations, carnivals, etc.), and further examples should be taken to reflect positivity of the community.

6. Sustainable Planning and Management Policies

This section should demonstrate how the community determines its future and maintains sustainability as well as what planning processes are developed. It should be shown how action plans to deliver the stated outcomes that the community desires are developed. A sense of hierarchy in the plans or strategies themselves should also be demonstrated, and evidence included to demonstrate that the plans are being implemented and are subject to periodic reviews. Evidence should be shown that demonstrates how general members of the community

contribute to the involvement of the plans.

JUDGING PANEL:

The International Panel of Judges comprises environmental and landscape management professionals, who will operate in teams of three to assess the written submission, presentation and responses to questions.

1. Registration:

Complete Registration Form and send to The International Awards for Liveable Communities at info@livcomawards.org by 20 September.

2. Written Submission:

The initial written submission should consist of:

- Maximum of 4,000 words in English – not including titles/tables/headers etc.
- Maximum of 24 photographs to be captioned and dated.

The submission should show how the city you nominated is addressing each of the above criteria.

A community is defined as the whole area administered by the community criteria set out above. A community is defined as the whole area administered by the community.

Each Judging Criterion carries equal marks.

3. Judging:

The Panel of Judges will review each submission at the Interim Judging stage and will select cities from each population category to make a Presentation at the LivCom Finals, to be held at the venue and during the dates quoted on the Registration Form.

4. Submissions

Submissions should be sent to info@livcomawards.org by 30 September.

5. Final Presentations:

- Presentations must be made in English.
- Population Categories A, B, C and D Presentations must not exceed 30 minutes. Appropriate equipment will be provided.
- You will be permitted to use other visual aids, e.g. PowerPoint, during the Presentation. Other equipment must be supplied by the community. The International Awards for Liveable Communities will not be responsible for the performance of equipment not supplied by the Organizers.
- At the end of each Presentation, the Judges will ask questions. If the assistance of an interpreter is required during the question period, you must provide the interpreter and extra time will be allowed.
- Please confirm the city you nominate and fill out the nomination/registration form and send it to info@livcomawards.org before September 20, 2022. Please prepare a practice case of the city in building livable communities structured around the six criteria of the LivCom Awards and send the submission (within 4000 words) to info@livcomawards.org before September 30. During December 12 to 14, please make a presentation on the case (within 30 minutes), after which the judges will ask questions accordingly.

Whole City Awards

Registration to be completed by 20 September 2022. Please complete in capitals in black

City:

Contact/Nominator:

Title: (Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms etc.)

Family name/Given Name:

Job title:

Address:

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Country/Postcode:

Telephone: (including full international codes)

E-mail:

City Web Address:

Average daytime population:

I wish to nominate the city shown above for the International Awards for Liveable Communities in the category indicated below:

Category	Average Daytime Population	Please tick box
A	Up to 20,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	20,001 – 75,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	75,001 – 150,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	150,001 – 400,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Over 400,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature _____ Date _____

Invitation to Host the LivCom Finals

Consideration will soon be given to the selection of the venue of future LivCom Finals. If the city you nominated would like to be considered as a future venue, contact the International Awards for Liveable Communities at info@livcomawards.org

KEY DATES

Final Registration Date
20 September 2022

Submissions to be received by 30 September 2022

Finals

12 to 14 December 2022



**PLEASE RETURN
2022 Registrations and
expressions of interest in
hosting a future LivCom
Finals**

TO:
The International Awards for
Liveable Communities

E-mail:
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Benefits of participating in LivCom Competition

There are numerous benefits resulting from participation in LivCom Competition including:

- The compilation of the Initial Report is a self-audit process that can provide the basis for a future plan to create a sustainable and liveable community.
- During the Finals you will be able to observe Presentations that contain examples of International Best Practice applied to challenges similar to those facing your City.
- You will be able to showcase your City's Best Practice on an International stage and influence accepted International Best Practice.
- Civic pride will be enhanced by being with „the leading communities in the world“.

Meeting with delegates from communities from other countries and cultures that are facing similar challenges to those faced by your community leads to the formation of partnerships to exchange information and experiences, and the arranging of exchange technical visits on an ongoing basis.

- These partnerships can extend to subjects beyond Environmental Issues.
- The exchange of information and experiences can produce accelerated technical benefits and financial savings year on year. The investment in time and finance needed to participate in the Awards is not large and can be exceeded by many times by ongoing benefits.
- Success in the Awards may be used to promote tourism and inward capital investment.

- National and international publicity is enhanced.
- Joining of an international network of communities from over 50 countries with similar environmentally based objectives.
- Engagement by the community is encouraged.
- Described by many participants as “the most rewarding professional experience of their career”.

I can assure you that participating in LivCom is professionally rewarding and will potentially bring long-lasting benefits to your City.

Khalid Z. EL Adli
Chairman of LivCom Competition