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Re	Port Hedland boy wins top youth award
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A twelve-year-old Port Hedland dance and martial arts enthusiast is the winner of the Commissioner for Children and Young People's 2012 Participate! Award.

Torekana Bule-Turner was presented with the award by the Commissioner, Michelle Scott, at the Department of Communities' WA Youth Awards ceremony last night.

Ms Scott said the Participate! Award recognised a young person who had shown outstanding dedication to making a positive change in their community and who had inspired other young people to participate.

"Torekana inspires at-risk children and youth through hip hop and taekwondo, volunteering to teach hip hop dance three times a week and taekwondo twice a week for the past two years," she said.

"Inspired by US President Barack Obama, Torekana's dream is to become the first Aboriginal prime minister of Australia.

"Torekana was selected for the award from a field of four finalists who are involved in strengthening their communities in different ways.

"I congratulate Torekana and the finalists for all for the work that they do, the commitment they show and for being an inspiration to others.

"This award serves to remind us all of the many valuable contributions children and young people are making to their communities across Western Australia every day."

For more information about Torekana and the finalists of the Participate! Award, visit the Commissioner's website at www.cyp.wa.gov.au

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Note to editor: for an interview with Torekana and a photograph of him receiving the Participate! Award, contact Megan Sadler at the Department of Communities on 0408 844 197.