



After a lengthy hiatus, we're back and we have a lot of news to share with you: since the beginning of 2012 we've embarked on numerous activities and projects and we're counting on your help to make them all successful.

1. Setting up of a new executive committee
2. An educational project that includes presentations for different audiences
3. Waste sorting bins and collection of waste
4. Disposal of batteries and mobile phones

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Since our last general assembly, which was held on February 6, the executive committee of Mission Verte comprises of eight volunteers: Claude Pougnet (chairman), Bruno Carta, Bruno Pougnet, Caroline de Spéville, Georgina Clarenc, Guillaume Maurel, Nadia d'Unienville and Nicholas Rainer.

Jean-Bruno Paquien has been employed as project manager.

Since the creation of Mission Verte, Robert Bouic and Christine Sauzier have given an enormous amount of their time to the organization and their help has been invaluable to the advancement of our projects. And although they're no longer members of the executive committee, they will continue to help us as much as they can.

We're lucky to have a dynamic team whose main goal is to sensitize, educate and inform the public about protecting the environment, promoting the sorting of waste and encouraging recycling.

EDUCATIONAL PROJECT AND PRESENTATIONS

One of our most cherished goals was to design an educational tool for different types of audiences. We're pleased to announce that we've been able to fulfill this objective thanks to the GML Fondation Joseph Lagesse and Afrasia Bank who gave us the financial assistance required to bring it to fruition.

We now have a lovely DVD presentation that was created by Redhouse Y&R. This DVD was conceived for three types of audiences, from kids through to adults, as well as a comprehensive section for companies that wish to sensitize their staff. Consultants are also available for a greater understanding of the subject material and to offer solutions for the different environmental challenges facing companies.

Companies, schools, social centres and other groups are welcome to contact us for more information on our presentations. The more informed and motivated people are, the cleaner our environment will be.



USED BATTERIES AND MOBILE PHONES

And now for some excellent news: a first cargo of 6.4 tonnes of used batteries and 2400 mobile phones left Mauritius on February 23 aboard the MSC Lesotho. It's expected to arrive in Le Havre, France, on April 2. BEM Entreprises will carry out the follow up by checking that these wastes are duly delivered, recycled and reused.

Big collection boxes will soon be installed in several strategic locations (post office, shopping centres, Orange shops, municipal halls). Thank you in advance for promoting this initiative by the Mauritius Telecom Foundation by using these boxes to dispose of your used batteries and mobile phones.

WASTE SORTING BINS AND WASTE COLLECTION

As usual, our waste sorting bins (list attached here), are available for the disposal of cardboard, paper and plastic. Some of the problems related to the irregular collection of these wastes have been solved since we have a truck and two employees operating in the field. Here's a photo of the vehicle with our logo and those of our sponsors to whom we are grateful.

Unfortunately, a major issue persists: the bins are often used as dumps by misinformed people who pollute. The collection point at Labourdonnais, for example, had to be shut down for a few days because of dumping, despite the best efforts of surrounding schools to create a welcoming and practical spot.

We're going to have to take certain measures to improve the situation and we appeal to you all to not throw anything away next to the containers. We'd also like to remind all of you that **glass isn't accepted in any of our bins.**





WHO IS MISSION VERTE?

Mission Verte started as a registered NGO back in August 2007. It was created by a small group of people and experts concerned by the environmental future of the little island, which has been increasingly exploited and abused. The primary objective of our actions is to raise awareness throughout practical activities and visibly tied up to tangible results. Our first and on-going desire is to act as a link between the public sector and all the emerging recycling activities that are needed for a healthier and safer future.

From north to south and east to west, **Mission Verte** is convinced to demonstrate to every Mauritian that they are ready and have the ability, if properly offered, to positively respond to this gradual and needed change in their habits.



WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

- 21 recycling containers and 1 pick-up van, supported by our members, and with the donations and CSR funds from the private sector as well as a grant from GEF Small Grants Programme of the United Nations Office for Project Services.
- Part of recycling project "Je recycle les mobiles et les piles" that Orange/Mauritius Telecom has been carrying out since 2009.
- Composting workshops given since April 2011, financed by the MCB Forward Foundation and partnered by the University of Mauritius and MAMCF.
- An educational DVD, with the sponsorship of Fondation Joseph Lagesse and Afrasia Bank

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