



# **MISSION VERTE**

Mission Verte is an NGO whose main objective is to create a cleaner and healthier environment and to raise public awareness through practical and positive activities. We wish to act as a link between the general public, the private and public sector and the growing recycling sector.

# **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

On June 5, Mission Verte celebrated World Environment Day by raising awareness and meeting the public at some of our bin locations. We were thrilled by the enthusiasm and encouragements we received. Thanks to these encounters we can confirm that Mauritians are seeking replies to questions about how to reduce waste at home and at work and wishes to know more about how they can create a healthier environment at home and also on a national level. Mission Verte will continue its awareness activities in order to reply to some of these questions.





## **NEW BIN AT St. PIERRE**

Mission Verte joined the **ENL Foundation** and its partners to promote a cleaner environment through recycling activities. Environmental education conferences were organised for kids and adults alike of the locality of St. Pierre and a new Mission Verte Recycling Bin was inaugurated on the 1st June at the Kendra Commercial Centre to promote a better waste management for the Commercial Centre, its customers and for the people of the locality. Recycled products made by school children and other artists were also exhibited to the great interest of the centre's visitors.



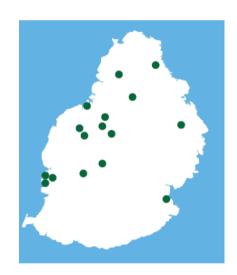
### **UPDATE ON OUR RECYCLE BINS**



Over the next four months our Recycle Bins will be submitted to a maintenance program during which repairs will being made and new stickers applied. For this purpose we have made new stickers that explain the process of what happens with the waste once put in our bins. Mission Verte is also looking for donors who are interested in sponsoring one of the existing bins or a new one; please write to us if this tickles your fancy!

#### **CURRENT BIN LOCATIONS!**

- Caudan Waterfront | Près du Casino
- Couvent de Belle-Rose
- Barkly | Beau-Bassin
- Flacq | Parking Way
- Forest Side | Parking Winners
- Labourdonnais | Parking École du Nord
- Le Bocage International School, Moka
- Mahébourg | Parking London
- Moka | École du Centre
- Plaine des Papayes | Ramprakash Gov School
- Réunion | Parking Winners
- Rivière du Rempart | Riverside Mall
- Roche Bois nr 16 St Martin Street new
- St. Antoine | Zone Industrielle
- St Pierre | Kendra Commercial Center) new
- Tamarin | École Paul & Virginie
- Tamarin | Parking Barachois commercial Center
   ( La Place Cap Tamarin)
- Tamarina | IRS



Encouraging negotiations are in process and we are confident that we can soon inform you about additional bins at new locations. In the next newsletter you will be updated on our web-site and on our face-book page.



#### WHEN OFFICES GO GREEN

Further to the wish of HSBC and PWC - both of whom share the same tower in Ebène - to implement concrete measures to reduce their environmental foot-print at their workplace, Mission Verte conducted environmental awareness conferences for all personnel from the CEO to the cleaning and maintenance staff. Training and consultancy services were also given to support the companies in setting up selective waste sorting measures in the offices. This consisted of developing visuals such as labels, guidelines and painting of bins. HSBC finalized the implementation on the June 5 (World Env. Day) having collected 7,127 PET bottles! The selected waste is being recuperated by our van at Ebène and we hope that soon one of our recycling bins will be installed at Ebène for the benefit of all recycling fans!

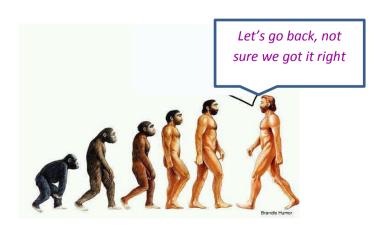
#### **EDUCATION & AWARENESS**

## **VOLUNTEERING**

Following our appeal for volunteers to help in our education activities we have been able to continue the training of the volunteers who are speaking in schools, community centres and companies. They're doing a great job and we thank them for their invaluable help.

More training sessions will follow with additional groups in the months to come.

If you are interested in a presentation at your work-place or wish to become a volunteer please write to us at <a href="mailto:missionverte@hotmail.com">missionverte@hotmail.com</a>





## IT IS ALSO ABOUT GLASS!

Our aim is to add value to recyclable material in general through our activities. Thanks to the generosity of the MCB Foundation, we launched a pilot project in May to enhance waste recycling by including glass, a product for which very few solutions currently exist in Mauritius. We have conducted extensive research and contacted a number of organisations involved in these recycling activities overseas and locally, and we have acquired interesting technical knowledge on various recycling options leading to the production of value-added useful, durable products. We believe that glass recycling can provide work for many people and it is our goal to develop some of the technologies and provide training for people to manufacture simple products such as terrazzo and later earn a living from this activity. Our new glass atelier is based in Roche-Bois and economically vulnerable men and women in this area are being recruited to work and receive training in this new technology.

As glass is a difficult materials to handle, Mission Verte, in the absence of specialised bins & van, is not yet able to collect glass at its locations, however you can dispose of your glass bottles directly at our atelier at Roche Bois nr 16 - St Martin Street

If you would be interested in helping financing a van for glass collection please do contact us!



Terrazzo products





### We Welcome Two New Committee Members

**Shandra Ganoo** studied Microbiology in London and did her 23 years career at the Department of Pathology at MSIRI.

**Vincent d'Arifat** studied engineering in France and spent his career outside Mauritius working for 30 years for Bureau Veritas in Paris, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bombay, Taipei and Johannesburg.

Both are retired today but share their time and knowledge to the cause of the environment and for the benefit of Mission Verte and its partners.

## "Idle no More"

The Collectif Citoyen Maurice Environnement is organizing various environmental actions such as cleaning activities around Mauritius. Mission Verte is supporting these activities through awareness sessions and by collecting the recuperated waste which is brought to the recycling factories. If you wish to know more about these actions you can visit their Face-book page:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/G%C3%A9rizon-komens-par-twa/204055879718485?ref=hl



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