



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROJECT WITH ENL

We had the delight and pleasure to finish the month of November working on a very brief but enlightening project with ENL. For one week, “*Pran kont to lanvironman*” promoted the sensitization of Pailles’ citizens. What made this project special? A small group of ENL employees volunteered to participate in this project and delivered the educational content to the audience. The theoretical part was accompanied by an activity depending on the target group (kids, teenagers and adults). We would like to give a special thank you to the ENL team who did a fantastic job as active participants in diffusing such an important message.



CONTAINERS DURING XMAS

The much-anticipated time of Christmas and New Year has arrived! In such a festive season, we all deserve a break. Therefore, we wish to communicate that we will be cleaning up our recycling containers at a less regular pace over this period, as our dedicated waste-collection staff also needs a break. Thus said, we would like to kindly ask you to not leave any waste OUTSIDE our containers in case of these being fully stocked-up. Please let us know in case of spotting any problem. We will resume our normal waste collection activity as from the second week of January. May you all have a fantastic holiday and may 2013 be a year full of health, success and a well-balanced life.



ECO AWARENESS DVD – WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED?

Indeed, we are still making maximum use of our educational DVD. Just to keep track of what has been achieved since the official launch of our DVD in March this year, here are the numbers:

- 56 presentations in 29 different schools and 9 social centres reaching a total audience of 2,339 people (excluding teachers and social centres representatives) – our average feedback score was of 4.62 in a scale of 5.
- 12 presentations in 10 different enterprises reaching an approximate and total audience of 371 people – our average feedback score was 4.4 in a scale of 5.

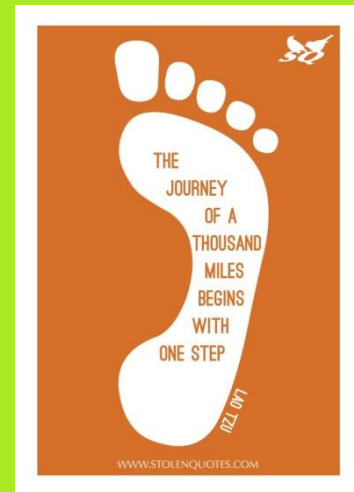
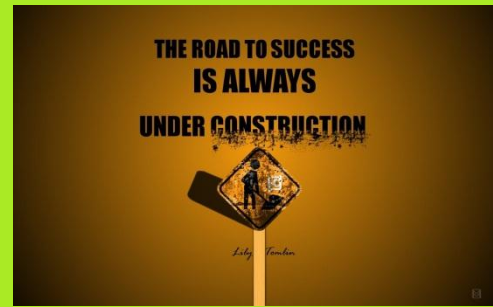
You haven’t had the chance to experience our Eco Awareness sessions? Do not hesitate to contact us and become part of our educational mission! missionverte@hotmail.com or via phone (976.63.55).





OCA – Results and report

Remember our last newsletter when we mentioned the word “OCA”? The Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA) exercise was carried out during the second half of 2012 by *Mission Verte* through a collaborative process along with 4 other NGOs: [TIPA](#), [SAFIRE](#), [CUT](#) and [Collectif Arc-en-Ciel](#). The exercise was an initiative that adds to the efforts of NGO capacity building in Mauritius. In participating in the assessment, the five NGOs are positioning themselves as examples for other organizations on how to strengthen their organizational capacity. Furthermore, the OCA served as a means of networking and cooperation between the participating NGOs. Collected data was compiled into an analytical report, comparing internal and external perspectives so it can help us improve. Transparency is vital. Thus, we would like to share the report with you, so you know and understand where we stand and why your participation in the assessment is such a valuable asset. Please click [here](#) to read the full OCA report.



ILE AUX BÉNITIERS – ONE FUTURE ONE PLANET PLASTIC PROJECT

Ramass plastic, fer li vinn artistic, fer lil vinn manifik!!
 During the last weekend of September an amazing number of 200 volunteers converged to l’île aux Bénitiers to join forces and clean up this little jewel of an island. Nonetheless it was a surprise to each and every volunteer to see the amount of waste that was gathered in such tiny place (see table). But as the project title says, it is not only about cleaning, but adding value to waste. Contrary to what most of us believe, waste has a value, and by changing our perspective many things can be achieved. That’s what the second R talks about: REUSE! Interested in such project? Please join their group on Facebook ([here](#)) or email their dynamic and friendly team (onefutureoneplanet@gmail.com).

Approximated waste count of the Ile Aux Benitiers weekend clean up

Category of waste	No of bags	% by volume
Plastic bottles	250	55.6
Other plastics	20	4.4
Glass (+ceramic)	60	13.3
Metal	20	4.4
Polystyrene	10	2.2
Rubber/textile	6	1.3
Paper/cardboard	4	0.9
Unsorted	50	11.1
Other (cigarettes, soil/ash mix etc)	30	6.7
TOTAL of bags	450	

OUR VOLUNTEERING TEAM

Requests for our educational DVD sessions grew at an astonishing rate. According to this and our need of having a team of volunteers to deliver these sessions, we received an overwhelming number of positive responses! We would like to thank all who have offered their support and look forward to the opportunity of assembling a team of 15 people. There will be a follow-up training for the presentation and use of our DVD in order to help us deliver the correct information to a wider audience.



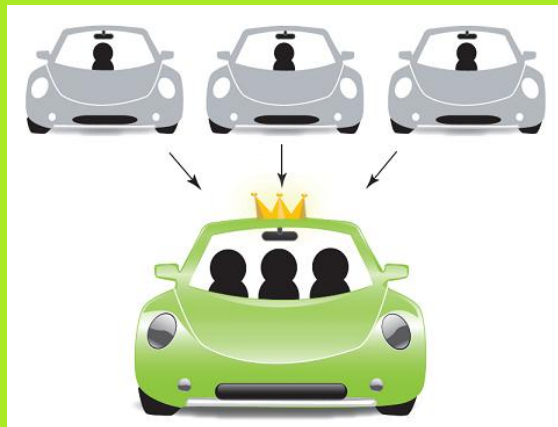


FACT OF THE MONTH

At the end of June 2012 there were 411,527 vehicles registered at the National Transport Authority (NTA). This represents a net increase of 10,608 vehicles (2.6%) as compared to end of year 2011. The total number of vehicles registered at the NTA ten years ago (2002) was of 265,841 vehicles. The numbers just seem to keep increasing and we keep forgetting that constraints are different as we live in a little island.

(Source: <http://www.gov.mu/portal/goc/cso/ei917/road.pdf>)

Europe has been [leading in carpool](#) (mainly France, Germany and Austria). It was of great and positive initiative by One Future One Planet to get this system created and actively running on our little island. "[Be cool, CARPOOL!](#)" is the motto of such an original and needed idea. Want to be part of it and share your ride or take one? Join their [Facebook](#) group [here](#).



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance."

Theodore Roosevelt





WHO IS MISSION VERTE ?

Mission Verte was registered as an NGO back in August 2007. It was created by a small group of people concerned by the increasing exploitation and abuse of our environment.

The objective of our actions is to raise environmental awareness through real life actions which can be tied up to tangible results.

Our first and foremost desire is to bring the public and private sectors, and the public in general to realize that our resources and spare are very limited on our small island, and that we all need to reduce our consumption and waste production, as well as recycle whatever we can to ensure a healthier and safer future for the next generations.



 Je recycle les mobiles et les piles
Deux petits gestes qui changent tout 

**Opération Ramassage
Portables et Piles Usagés**



WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

- **20 recycling containers** (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 implemented by **UNDP**)
- **1 pick-up van** (sponsored by **GML/FJL, Terra Foundation** and **IFS Ltd.**) and **2 employees** for the prosperity and sustainability of our containers project
- Part of recycling project “**Je recycle les mobiles et les piles**” that **Mauritius Telecom Foundation** 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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WISH TO CONTACT US ?

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