



**Context**

What does the concept “Maurice Ile Durable” (MID) really mean? How can we achieve it? What threats do we face? How can we overcome them?

The purpose of the Voice of Youth Project is to inspire a younger generation of Mauritians to find answers to these questions and to take responsibility for implementing them. One could summarise the aim of MID as follows:

*To continuously improve our quality of life while reducing our ecological footprint through innovation and responsible investment.*

Clearly, the joint Ministry of Education, Culture & Human Resources (MoE) and NPCC projects contribute significantly to this. However, until now, the modes through which students have presented their accomplishments (PowerPoint, role plays and posters) have reached only a narrow audience.

**Communication**

A picture may say a thousand words, but our senses are optimised for moving images and speech. Internet use is accelerating, devices that capture video are increasingly available and websites like YouTube and Facebook permit films to be shared freely. Students can be encouraged to utilise these supplementary channels to disseminate more widely their achievements.

**Contribution**

There are so many aspects to realising MID that everyone must actively participate. The best short films that educate, motivate and direct us are recognised by the annual MID Video Awards. All student films showcasing MoE-NPCC projects are eligible. To encourage widespread viewing, public voting is used to nominate entries to a short-list. The final selection is based on the power of each video's message and the quality of its production, while taking into account the ages of the film-makers.

**Capability**

Seizing the initiative to address tomorrow's challenges, our youth need to exercise their problem-solving and creative abilities. If they do not own a device that can record video then they could borrow one. Alternatively, a PowerPoint slide show can be captured on screen and a soundtrack added using free software. On-line tutorials are available for self-directed learning and Eduweb will be employed to train facilitators as required.



For further details please visit [www.welovemauritius.org/voyn](http://www.welovemauritius.org/voyn)