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Building a greenhouse using recycled materials from a residence deconstruction, Le Port, La Réunion

Breathing new life into recovered building materials from Herbert Spencer residence deconstruction.

In the Herbert Spencer residential building, the deconstruction of 144 vacant social housing units has given birth to the “**Nuovo Lorzion Project**” worth €1.5 million and 100% funded by the **ANRU - Agence Nationale Pour La Rénovation Urbaine** (<https://www.anru.fr/>). The demolition work was supervised by the social landlord (**SEMADER**) in collaboration with the **Technical Design Office, Envirotech**, for the implementation of the deconstruction and with the **ITAC- Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada** (<https://indigenoustourism.ca/about-itac/>), for salvage and reuse building materials.

The project led to the revitalization of the territory by supporting associative projects to promote circular economy, reliability on local dynamics, implementation of professional integration and social cohesion, creating links between local stakeholders. The deconstruction and removal of materials has been carried out by “**Sud Terrassement**” while ITAC association oversaw dispatching the materials and monitoring the progress of their reuse. In the end 30 tons of materials were collected and reused and then given to 5 associations. These ones, using a waste diagnosis, were able to set up a precise inventory of material and equipment to be carefully dismantled. The project has provided opportunities for young professionals, job training, and other positive community development programming.

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