

## **Memberships**

### **The Solid Waste Management Roundtable ([www.swmrt.com](http://www.swmrt.com))**

In October 2009, a group of like-minded NGOs, individuals formed the **Solid Waste Management Roundtable**, of which Radio Active is a part off.

The Solid Waste Management Round Table (SWMRT) , a Public interest group comprising of 11 organizations and individuals, has recently, through campaigning, lobbying, and action, convinced the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike( BBMP) to shift their policy from waste *disposal* via landfill to a decentralized waste management.

It envisions a system that focuses on waste prevention, reduce, reuse, recycling and composting, scaling up necessary infrastructure, focus on capacity building for offering back end support services, research and documentation and pertinent and effective IEC campaigns

SWMRT, at the grass root level, has been enabling community initiatives. It proposes the decentralized waste management policy as a tool for socio economic development to meet various objectives – job creation through waste-picker integration, reducing disposal costs, maximize opportunity for resource recovery and promote product stewardship and encouraging local ownership.

### **HasiruDala (<http://www.hasirudala.in/index.html>)**

Hasirudala means 'Green Force' is a member-based organisation of waste pickers seeking to improve our conditions of work and ensuring our continued access to recyclables in the city of Bangalore.

Working towards accessing the benefits of various government programs to which waste-pickers are entitled, enhancing educational opportunities for children and advancing the quality of lives.

The membership is extended to waste-pickers, sorters and itinerant waste buyers; a majority of whom are women.

#### **Vision**

Hasirudala aims to integrate wastepickers and other informal sector waste workers into the changing solid waste management landscape in Bangalore.

#### **Mission**

- To create recognition for the contribution of waste pickers in diverting waste from landfills, recycling resources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, thereby identifying them as 'green-workers; and improving their image in society.
- To secure the benefits of social security, improved working conditions and continued access to waste for waste pickers.
- To provide opportunities for the children of waste pickers to pursue further education.