



Anouk's Ti Recup Caravan

Rob: I'm outside the most colourful caravan I have ever come across, and I am with Anouk, who is going to explain what this caravan is.

Anouk: This caravan is a little shop of Ti Recup and Ti Recup is a secondhand shop in the centre of Bretagne. And so we collect some stuff, everything like vaisselle (dishes), clothes and all so there is two shops, one in Rostrenen and one in Carhaix, another one in the caravan and so it is a very, very little shop but we can go everywhere in the little town in campagne or like this and we go on event sometimes and sometime just in the town to meet inhabitants and share what is secondhand and how can do some things with them. And we do also like workshop to make something with the inhabitant and it is permit to share and they can have confidence in us and more understand our functionments and how we are and like this.

Rob: So you are going to go around in the villages, with your caravan. What kind of area do you cover?

Anouk: Just cover, centre, west Bretagne.

Rob: So that's all around Carhaix I suppose.

Anouk: Yes, like about 50-60 kilometres around Carhaix.

Rob: So the idea is to bring second-hand things to villages?

Anouk: Yes, to people.

Rob: And to collect things as well?

Anouk: A little, because now we have little car and so I can't put all stuff in the caravan because it's too heavy, so now just the little things like clothes or *vaisselle*, but after I hope we can collect more, not like sofa like this but more things because it's good to people to have a person to give their stuff, is more like a human, more human than when you are going *dechetterie* and it's not the same for people. Sometimes there is one woman or men who say, ah this is stuff, the clothes of my grandmother, and 16 and she go dancing with it and like this so there is like something emotional and so it's more good to have people to say and transmit this story.

Rob: This idea of the caravan, was this your idea?

Anouk: Yes, and no. I dream of this activity like recycling travelling itinerant.

Rob: A travelling recycling centre.

Anouk: Yes, okay. Something like that, good. And I dream this and so I propose to Ti Recup to do something like this because I study about this project and so I ask all secondhand shops in Bretagne and



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they keep saying yes, this is very interesting for us because it is very rare, second-hand shop in the countryside so this is very perfect for what they need.

Rob: We are thinking about the springtime when you will be starting your round. Which kind of places will you go? You said in general, but can you tell me some towns that you will visit, some villages?

Anouk: Ah yes.

Rob: So that people can look out for you.

Anouk: Yes, we will go in Laz, in Plounevez-du-Faou, in Tremargat, in Botmeur, in Priziac, all like this and there is also a town where there are organisations, very dynamic and so there is always an event where we can do something together like ????. There is a repair cafe, so people who repair some stuff of other people and so it is very complimentary and it's a very good dynamic, and so we want to have dynamic with people and organisations where we go not just us but come from where is more creating an ordinary dynamic and things like that.

Rob: If somebody wants to find out whether you will be coming to their village, or to their town, how will they find out?

Anouk: There is a lot of source, there is the website of Ti Recup, www.tirecup.fr and there is in the Facebook Ti Recup Ressourcerie Ti Recup and there is also we make a lot of affiches, posters and in the papers, in the press.

Rob: In the newspapers?

Anouk: Newspapers, yes.

Rob: You've done this one summer so far?

Anouk: Ah, yes. Just the first summer.

Rob: And what was the response?

Anouk: When we go in the little town where there is not a lot of dynamic, we don't see a lot of people but people will see our very ????. We speak together 20 minutes, 15 minutes and they don't know at all Ti Recup and so we take the time to meet, and sometimes we go in events or in towns where there is a lot of dynamic and so there is more people that knew Ti Recup but they don't have the time to go and so they are very happy. It's easy but it's difficult to imagine that in the little town is a success because we have this idea where one thinks success is where there is a lot of people but I think it's not the right. It's the ... we need the both because if we don't do some event where there is a lot of people and we can sold a lot of things we can't go in little town. So we need the both but both is very important.

Rob: Do you think it's important that we should be reusing things?

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Anouk: Ah, yes. I think it is essential and because in working in Ti Recup I understand how much we consume - it's wow! I knew but to see a thousand, thousand clothes and everyday and we can't do all what we have to do because there is so much things. Okay, we can dress all the population for three years, but people continue to consume.

Rob: Anouk Dupas, thank you very much indeed for your time.

Anouk: Thank you, it's a pleasure.