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## **PHOSCOPE IS LAUNCHING A LIGHTING INITIATIVE IN PUERTO RICO**

### *Recreo de Noche: Bringing Light to Community Playgrounds*

**New York, NY, September 10 2018.** Days are short at the tropics, and PhoScope is launching “Recreo de Noche” in Puerto Rico to rapidly deploy solar lighting in community playgrounds for use after sunset. This initiative will serve the immediate recreational and social needs of many Puerto Ricans who are deprived of electrical power.

“Recreo de Noche” is a replicable model for the procurement of a set of solar lighting products to community groups who will distribute and install them in collaboration with teams of volunteers. These will assist the process with public discussions and participatory workshops on light and lighting.

PhoScope partnered with Lighting in Action (LIA) and Concepteurs Lumière Sans Frontières (LSF) to implement a pilot project in San Juan with the Corporation del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña (ENLACE) and the local communities in the fall of 2018. The model will then be replicated throughout Puerto Rico.

The pilot project for Recreo de Noche was made possible thanks to generous donations from Designers Lighting Forum of New York (DLFNY) and the New York City Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society (IESNYC). PhoScope is now fundraising to launch more projects and to create a Volunteer Training Program with free downloadable resources for Recreo de Noche’s volunteers and local communities.

PhoScope, think tank on light, is committed to fostering change in the education and critical study of lighting, and to facilitating social engagement to scale-up humanitarian action in the practice of lighting design.

PhoScope is incorporated in New York State as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

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