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Peckham Vision, Copeland Park and the Rye Lane Traders' Association are pleased to announce that they have appointed Luna Glucksberg and Francisco Calafate-Faria to carry out the Cleaner Peckham Research project. They are independent social scientists specialised in cities. In December and January they will be talking to traders in the Town Centre to learn about their experience and views on how to manage waste on the streets.

Waste on the streets is one of the biggest problems identified by local residents and visitors. This research project will be an important step to get traders' views involved in the solutions to come. Luna and Francisco will focus on the traders' views, but they will also be talking to residents, consumers, waste collection providers, potential re-users of materials and council officials in order to form a more complete picture of the problem. They bring experience from their work in other related contexts.

Luna is an urban ethnographer working on inequality in contemporary British society. Her research linked urban regeneration and recycling through a long-term engagement with council estates in Peckham, where she was also a resident. She has researched both ends of the social spectrum: her field-sites range from London inner-city housing estates to elite areas in Chelsea and Mayfair, as well as housing estates of the Bogsides (N.1) and suburban, disenfranchised areas of London.

Francisco has researched processes of urban change, urban waste circuits, and different forms of urban labour. In Curitiba (Brazil) he worked with informal collectors of recyclables and council officers to understand different recycling circuits. In London he has worked with various local groups involved in disputed processes of urban transformation. He has also been working in partnership with a municipality in Metropolitan Barcelona on a critical experiment to reconfigure the notion of Smart Cities.

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