

Workshop descriptions – Comprehensive Sexuality Education 29 September

Sex and Pleasure

Love Matters will talk about why talking about pleasure is important in CSE programs. How to moderate and navigate pleasure based conversations in online spaces. While also looking towards the future and debate: “Can porn be a future partner is SRHR online interventions?”
Come join Lindsay van Clief, Luke Gilder and Maaïke van Heijningen to engage around sex and pleasure!

Empowering young women? Research findings and knowledge gaps

During this session, recently completed research will be (briefly) presented and discussed, with the aim to develop more nuanced understandings of the possibilities and challenges in addressing questions of gender and SRHR through initiatives for young people. Particular attention will be paid to the issue of child marriage, and the role of educators in tackling gender exclusion and improving SRHR for young people.

Presenters: Yvonne van der Kooij, MSc International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam; Katie Hodgkinson, Junior Researcher, University of Amsterdam; Mariëlle Le Mat, Junior Researcher/Lecturer, University of Amsterdam.

Discussant: Esther Miedema, Researcher/Lecturer, University of Amsterdam.

The power of peer education

dance4life empowers young people to take personal leadership over their sexual lives and health. In Kenya our peer-led approach is successful in targeting gender empowerment through interactive and participatory sessions. However, we also take into account the recent criticisms on peer education. This workshop gives the opportunity to learn more about the dance4life program in Kenya and directly experience our engaging peer education approach. Be ready to participate in an interactive gender empowering session upon which we will reflect and discuss the best practices, do’s and don’ts and recent criticism on peer education - all in order to take successful steps forward in SRHR interventions for young people.

Men, Masculinities & Feminism within Comprehensive Sexuality Education

Evidence shows that CSE that includes power and gender is 5 times more effective!

More and more boys and (young) men recognize that they have a role to play in gender equality and sexual reproductive health and rights for all.

In this participatory session we explore the approaches used to integrate gender transformative thinking into CSE practices, the challenges and lessons learned.

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Healthy Young People - Linking schools to services

Healthy Young People (HYP) project successfully improved young people’s uptake of SRH services in Embangweni and Nkhoma areas in Malawi through linking schools to services and ensure a supportive environment for young people. Young people received Comprehensive Sexuality Education in schools and were supported to visit nearby SRH services, for instance through the development of a referral guide. To ensure a supportive environment was in place, sensitisation meetings and training sessions were conducted with and for teachers, health care workers but also the broader community such a community and traditional leaders, parents and mother groups.

The aim of this workshop is to share knowledge and experiences on methodologies to increase uptake of services through linking schools to services and ensure a supportive environment is in place.

In this workshop we present the methodology, results of the evaluation study and recommendations. Participations will be asked to share their knowledge and expertise. Together we will reflect on recommendations. Discussion points are for instance: *How can we address needs of young people living with HIV? How can we ensure continuous support for teachers? How to deal with confidentiality? How to strengthen collaboration within countries? What effective methods can be done to ensure a sustainable approach?*