



# Youth Health Community

## Announcement from EIN and JOGG : The launch of Youth Health Community - a global obesity prevention network -



Epode International Network (EIN) and JOGG, the Dutch community-based programme (CBP) for the prevention of child overweight and obesity, are pleased to announce that the JOGG organization, via the launch of the initiative Youth Health Community, will take over the coordination of the largest global network of community based childhood obesity prevention programs.

With Youth Health Community JOGG will continue the EIN-CBP work. The Youth Health Community [website](http://www.youthhealthcommunity.com) will now be the primary vehicle for the coordination of a global network of community-based programmes. Focusing on the challenges we have in common, the community facilitates global exchanges and brings together solutions for a healthy future for young people by reshaping the environment to promote a healthy lifestyle.

'Backed by the resources and experience of the very successful JOGG programme, Youth Health Community is best positioned to carry on the work started by the EPODE International Network,' says Tommy Visscher, EIN Board Advisor. 'We are very pleased that this important work will be able to move forward under the guidance of JOGG.'

Visit Youth Health Community at  
[www.youthhealthcommunity.com](http://www.youthhealthcommunity.com)

### Why Youth Health Community?

Every child has the fundamental human right to grow up healthy. Youth Health Community brings together programmes from around the world that work to promote a healthy weight for young people.

Tackling excess weight and obesity is a major and complex issue facing families, governments, organizations and programmes worldwide. Fortunately, we don't have to confront this issue alone.

Despite cultural and local differences, the challenges we face are surprisingly similar. We can learn from one another's questions and share knowledge, insights and ideas to evolve our solutions.

### What is Youth Health Community ?

Youth Health Community is a network for countries, cities and programmes working to create a healthy future for our young people by reshaping the environment to promote a healthy lifestyle. Focusing on the challenges we have in common, the community allows us to share knowledge to support a healthy childhood.

The Youth Health Community website facilitates exchange and brings together solutions. The website presents stories

and information about a wide range of local programmes and healthy initiatives from around the world.

### What is next?

We will begin to share our members' stories, lessons learned, experience, knowledge, strategies, activities, tools, etc. Also, we will continue to integrate interesting examples from various countries and programmes.

Countries, cities, communities and programmes are invited to become a part of our international community. Participation is free, we only ask you to share your knowledge on the prevention of child overweight and obesity with Youth Health Community.

### Join Youth Health Community

For more information contact Lideke Middelbeek via:  
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Also send us an email if you no longer wish to receive news from Youth Health Community.

*Youth Health Community is a learning community that brings together programmes from around the world that promote a healthy environment and a healthy weight for young people. The community relies on high-level experts and scientists from key international public health institutions and universities. Youth Health Community is coordinated and governed by the non-profit organisation JOGG, based in The Netherlands.*