

MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION AT SHARE-NET NETHERLANDS

Introducing Share-Net Netherlands

[Share-Net Netherlands \(SNNL\)](#) is the Dutch knowledge platform for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and one of the country hubs of Share-Net International (SNI). Other country hubs of the network are active in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Colombia, Ethiopia and Jordan.

It is our mission to strengthen linkages between research, policy and practice through sharing, generating, translating and promoting the use of knowledge for the development of better policies and practices in SRHR. SNNL is hosted by the KIT Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam. We have individual and organisational members from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), universities and knowledge institutes as well as the governmental and private sector which work in low- and middle- income countries and in the Netherlands with a focus on SRHR.

Be informed

Follow recent news, developments and discussions within the SRHR landscape:

- On our [Share-Net Netherlands' website](#) we regularly post news, events, resources and vacancies related to SRHR.
- You can subscribe to our [SNNL bi-weekly newsletter](#) and the [SNI quarterly newsletter](#) and get SRHR highlights directly into your inbox!
- You also find us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and our brand-new [Instagram channel](#)!

Get involved

Become a member and contribute to the combined knowledge, experience and commitment of our network.

Share-Net membership enables you to broaden your networks and to connect with, learn from and share with other people and organisations who care about global and national issues relating to SRHR. When joining SNNL, you will not only be contributing to our mission and vision, but you will also be able to enjoy specific member benefits:

- Have access to all the meetings (online and f2f) that we organise.
- Participate in our Communities of Practice (CoPs), which is exclusive for members. These groups are crucial for agenda setting, can organise meetings and execute small projects. For more information on the Share-Net Netherlands working groups please click [here](#).
- Participate in the International Communities of Practice (iCoPs), which are open to all Share-Net International hubs and offers the opportunity to network with experts from different countries.
- Be elected in one of our governing bodies, as youth representative of the Steering Committee of the Netherlands or the Board of Share-Net International. All members are invited to our Annual Business Meeting.
- Be eligible for our yearly call for proposals for the Share-Net International Small Grants facility. For more information on our previously awarded grants please click [here](#).

We operate a paid [membership](#), but good news: Students can join our network for free, while an individual membership costs 45EUR per year! Contact the [Share-Net secretariat](#) to apply for membership!

Meaningfully participate

To give you a better idea of how your participation in the Share-Net Netherlands network could look like, here are some examples:

- **Join the Youth & SRHR CoP**

This community was created in 2021 for youth from age 18 to 30 to connect, explore and create both in regards to the field of youth SRHR but also as youth experts within the broader SRHR field. Youth members utilise the CoP

- as a space for mutual learning, networking, and interdisciplinary professional development among members,
- to work together to increase the visibility of specific youth & SRHR issues and advocacy efforts and
- to organise knowledge activities for diverse audiences outside of the CoP regarding pertinent youth & SRHR topics.

You can find out more about this group of inspiring young professionals and get connected [here](#).

- **Amplify youth voices in all our knowledge activities**

As a member you are encouraged to share your views and experiences with us

- within Communities of Practice (we are using a member only space to post, comment and chat on [Mighty networks](#)),
- during online and face2face meetings (see reports from previous SNNL events [here](#)),
- through yearly Monitoring and Evaluation exercises,
- at our Annual Business Meeting and
- through the youth representative active in the SNNL steering committee.

- **Apply to the annual conference “Linking research, policy and practice”**

Every year we spotlight the recent research work of young people and offer matchmaking opportunities with our members. The aim of this activity is to :

- disseminate young people’s knowledge on SRHR and gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE),
- create a safe space for open dialogue, linking and learning between different SRHR actors,
- stimulate research-informed policy and practice,
- identify further gaps in research, policy and practice and
- harvest networking opportunities.

You can find updates on capacity building workshops and application deadlines to present at the conference [here](#).

- **Gain work experience**

At the SNNL secretariat, we regularly accommodate students that are looking for a practical internship experience. Through a guided learning process and a diverse set of tasks combining communication, project management and network facilitation experiences, we aim to strengthen young professionals’ skills and network at the start of a career in the SRHR sector. For graduates, we offer paid consultancy opportunities in collaboration with our CoPs and all youth members can apply to the annual [SNI small grant facility](#). All opportunities are continually being shared on our website [here](#).

Should you have any questions, ideas or if you want to become a member, don’t hesitate to contact us. We look forward to getting to know you!