



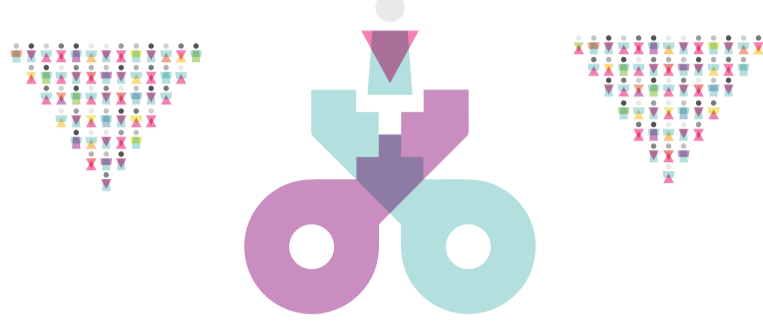
Lotte Dijkstra Dutch Youth Ambassador SRHR

As Dutch Youth Ambassador SRHR I speak out for the SRHR of young people worldwide and promote their right to meaningful youth participation. I work together with civil society, the UN, governments and youth worldwide.
Curious what a year as Youth Ambassador looks like?

ON THE JOB

Ministry access

I had full access to the ministry and took part in weekly staff meetings.



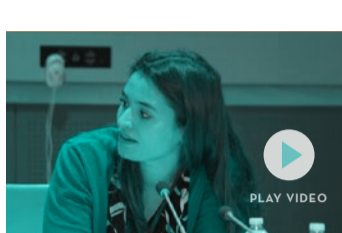
“Giving a young person this level of access and trust sets an example”

- Lotte

PRESENT!

CPD 48 ▶ 13 - 17 April 2015 | New York

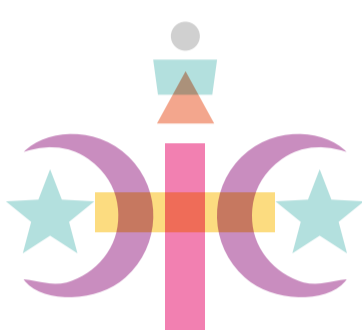
With two rounds of applause for my statement, a successful side-event and meetings with UN Women, UNFPA, UNAIDS and the Special envoy on Youth, CPD 48 was my first successful international meeting.



ON THE JOB

Youth in the Netherlands

I reached out to youth, and especially religious youth, to hear about their views on SRHR issues, because I think it is important to learn from other youth and broaden your perspective.



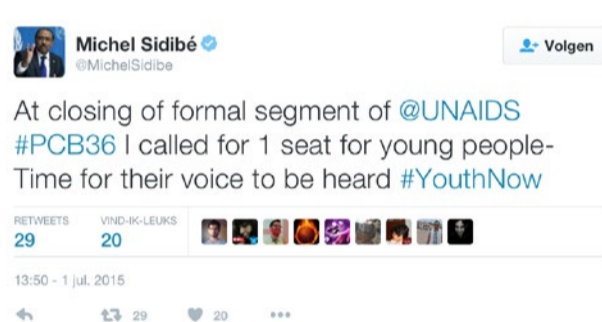
“Even though we disagree on some things, there's also many things we do agree on, such as the importance of mutual respect in intimate relationships.”

- Lotte

PRESENT!

PCB & WHO 30th June- 2nd July 2015 | Geneva

Together with other youth I drafted and read a powerful statement at the UNAIDS PCB, which was referenced by the UNAIDS Executive Director. I also visited UNAIDS, WHO and OHCHR.



SDG Summit 25-27 September 2015 | New York

At the SDG summit I mostly focused on meaningful youth participation in the Agenda 2030 and I participated in a side-event with an all youth panel dedicated to it.



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ON THE JOB

Media presence

With 1800+ facebook likes, many blogs, mentions on ViceVersa and Ondertussen.nl and an interview published in Cosmogirl, my position became increasingly better known.

“I was flipping through a magazine at the dentist and suddenly saw you in there!”

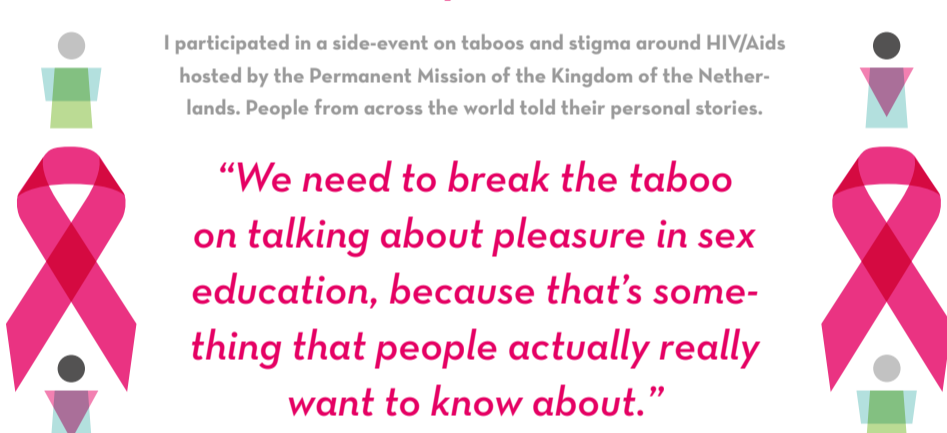
- Quote from a friend



PRESENT!

World Aids Day 1st December 2015 | New York

I participated in a side-event on taboos and stigma around HIV/Aids hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. People from across the world told their personal stories.



“We need to break the taboo on talking about pleasure in sex education, because that's something that people actually really want to know about.”

- Lotte

CPD 49 11 - 15 April | New York

In 2016 I returned to CPD with a years' worth of experience and again had the opportunity to do the national statement, this time on the importance of data collection in the SRHR of adolescents. That recommendation made it into the final text!



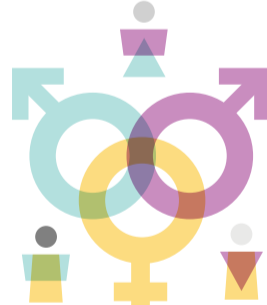
Jakarta 12 - 19 Nov. | Indonesia

Together with CHOICE, I visited projects on sexual health and rights in Jakarta. We met many inspiring people, from a 13 year old working on preventing child trafficking, to a group of young transgender women helping their community.



“It is so good that the Netherlands lets a strong young woman like you do their statement”

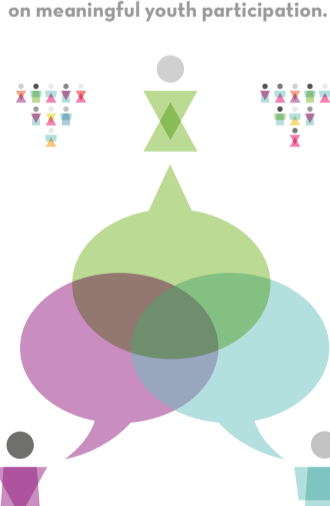
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ON THE JOB

Advising role

I have been able to advise many people and organizations, like UN agencies, embassies, and Dutch NGO's, on meaningful youth participation.



“Because you work so closely with the government, you have much easier access to some people and organizations”

- Lotte

PRESENT!

International Conference on Family Planning

23 - 28 January 2016 | Indonesia

I participated in ICFP together with Lambert Grijns, the Dutch Ambassador SRHR & HIV/AIDS. I also had the opportunity to get to know more fellow youth advocates.

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“We are not planning families”

SO WHAT'S NEXT?

THE IMPACT CONTINUES!

In 2016/17 Sanne Thijssen continues to promote young people's sexual rights and meaningful youth participation when she takes up the torch as the new Youth Ambassador SRHR!

