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## Life, Love, Sex Are you in control?

Unplanned pregnancies, sexual violence, girls who get forced into marriage with older men, or sexually transmitted infections such as HIV; in a number of developing countries young people are far from in control when it comes to their sexuality. They rarely have the right to freely decide on their sexuality or do not have the right information to make healthy decisions about their own body.

In the Netherlands we hold our sexual freedom dear. Young people can discover their own sexuality with the partner of their choice and at a pace that suits them. This sexual freedom has been one of our export products for a long time, we have been in the driver's seat. But are we still in the lead? And if we want to be, what does that mean for the policies we make? Can we meaningfully contribute to young people's freedom around sexuality in different countries? Time to discuss this with our policy makers.

### Young & in Control: look, listen and discuss

**Date:** June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 16.30 - 18.30

**Location:** Atrium City Hall, Spui 70, Den Haag

Note: event will be English spoken

- Ask your question to Minister Ploumen of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation; your chance to start the dialogue.
- Listen to the personal stories of young people from Pakistan, Kenya, Ghana and the Netherlands.
- Take part in a discussion and ask anything you want to know from members of parliament and political youth organisations.
- Have a look at the photo exhibition by renowned photographer Marieke van der Velden of young people worldwide portraying their stories about sexuality and relationships.



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# Programme

16.30 - 17.00

## Sneak preview

Get a drink & a bite and be one of the first to view the pictures in the photo exhibition!

17.00 - 18.20

## Main programme

Moderator Andrew Makkinga will guide us through the afternoon which will include:

- **Let's get personal:**  
Edith from Ghana shares her story
- **Pitching the picture:**  
Young people from Pakistan, Kenya, Ghana and the Netherlands will ask their question to Minister Lillianne Ploumen on the basis of a photo from the exhibition
- **Opening of photo exhibition:**  
The international group of young people and the minister will open the photo exhibition
- **College Tour:**  
Ask everything you want to know to members of parliament and political youth organisations dealing with foreign affairs and international development cooperation!

18.20 - 18.30

## Closing



The photo exhibition by Marieke van der Velden is open for public from June 20 till June 30 in the Atrium.

Funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs Rutgers, AMREF Flying Doctors, CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality, dance4life, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Simavi, STOP AIDS NOW! and over 50 partner organisations in Africa and Asia have successfully worked together to promote the sexual health and freedom of young people. With our Unite for Body Rights and Access, Services and Knowledge programmes millions of people have been reached in the last five years with information and services concerning sexuality and sexual health.

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