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Childrens Eating
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Behaviour Symposium



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Join us on December 10th 2026

(in-person at Wageningen or join online)

*Organized by the
Sensory Science and Eating
Behaviour Chair
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and Health, Wageningen
University*

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PROGRAMME · 10 DECEMBER 2026 · WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH



09:30–10:00 *Registration and coffee*

10:00 **Prof. Ciarán Forde** Welcome to the CEBS 2026 meeting
Wageningen University & Research

Eating in Infancy – Prevention strategies

10:05 **Prof. Marion Hetherington** 'Investigating commercial baby foods in the UK – design concepts, consumer perspectives and problematic claims'
University of Leeds

10:45 **Dr. Daphne van der Bend** 'Transition to Preventive Health project: i4PH youth research line 'Healthy Start''
Wageningen University & Research

11:05 **Dr. Marlou Lasschuijt** 'Learning how to eat in term and preterm infants'
Wageningen University & Research

11:30–12:30 *Lunch break · Provided for those attending on-site*

12:30 · Programme continues with Eating in Childhood

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Eating in Childhood– From appetite to nutrients

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| 12:30 | Dr. Ale Teklu Toni
Gondar University Hospital, Ethiopia ·
Wageningen University & Research | ‘Appetite cues and childhood malnutrition’ |
| 12:55 | Prof. Christophe Matthys
KU Leuven | ‘From Pregnancy to Adolescent Nutrition in Eastern African Countries’ |
| 13:15 | Dr. Bryan Gonzales
U Gent | ‘Child Malnutrition and Stunting’ |
| 13:30 | Prof. Alida Melse
Wageningen University and Research | ‘Micronutrient requirements and deficiencies in infancy and childhood’ |

13:45–14:15 *Coffee break*

Eating from a policy perspective– From Plate to Policy

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| 14:15 | Dr. Marie Elske Gispen
Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and
Sport (VWS) | ‘Children and their (food) Environment: National programs on School fruit and School lunches’ |
| 14:35 | Dr. Annemien Havermans
Wageningen University and Research | ‘Food policy at the Municipality · School lunches in the Netherlands’ |

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EATING FROM A POLICY PERSPECTIVE – From Plate to Policy

14:55 **Prof. Marianne Geleijnse** Child nutrition at the Dutch Health Council

15:15–15:45 *Coffee break*

EATING IN ADOLESCENCE – Food-related risks in adolescents

15:45 **Prof. Amelia Lake** ‘Children & Young People, Energy Drinks & Health: Exploring Perceptions and Policy Implications’
Deputy Director of Fuse · Centre for
Translational Research in Public Health ·
Teesside University

16:05 **Dr. Marijn Stok** ‘FLY Project: How to promote healthy and sustainable food choices in adolescents’
Utrecht University

16:25 **Prof. Reinskje Talhout** ‘The properties of reinforcing products that drive use among Adolescents: What they are
and what we can do about it (Vapes, Energy drinks & Alcho-pops)’
RIVM and Wageningen University &
Research

16:45 **Dr. Marlou Lasschuijt** Closing remarks
Wageningen University & Research

17:00–18:00 *Drinks & networking*