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Child Eating Behaviour Symposium (CEBS)

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We are pleased to invite you the 5th Annual hybrid Childrens Eating 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 Division of Human Nutrition 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** Wageningen University & Research	Welcome to the CEBS 2026 meeting

Eating in Infancy – Prevention strategies

10:05	**Prof. Marion Hetherington** University of Leeds	'Investigating commercial baby foods in the UK – design concepts, consumer perspectives and problematic claims'
10:45	**Dr. Daphne van der Bend** Wageningen University & Research	'Transition to Preventive Health project: i4PH youth research line 'Healthy Start''
11:05	**Dr. Marlou Lasschuijt** Wageningen University & Research	'Learning how to eat in term and preterm infants'
11:30–12:30	***Lunch break · Provided for those attending on-site***	

12:30 · Programme continues with Eating in Childhood

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AFTERNOON PROGRAMME · 10 DECEMBER 2026

Eating in Childhood– From appetite to nutrients

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

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 Havemans-Nies** Wageningen University and Research	‘Nutrition education programmes at primary schools in the Netherlands'

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LATE AFTERNOON PROGRAMME · 10 DECEMBER 2026

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** Deputy Director of Fuse · Centre for Translational Research in Public Health · Teesside University	'Children & Young People, Energy Drinks & Health: Exploring Perceptions and Policy Implications'
16:05	**Lonneke Jansen, MSc** Utrecht University	'FLY Project: How to promote healthy and sustainable food choices in adolescents'
16:25	**Dr. Anouk Mesch** VU Amsterdam	'A socio-ecological perspective on eating in adolescents'
16:45	**Dr. Marlou Lasschuijt** Wageningen University & Research	Closing remarks

17:00–18:00 ***Drinks & networking***