

Graduation opportunity

Countering street harassment together: involving youth in the prevention of street harassment



The goal of the project is to understand street harassment in Rotterdam in order to develop creative interventions to potentially reduce it.

Introduction:

In the context of the Healthy Start programme, a collaboration between Delft University of Technology, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Erasmus Medical Centre, we are working on a 4-year PhD project on the role of youth participation in understanding and tackling street harassment in Rotterdam. Street harassment remains a major problem in Rotterdam. About half of the respondents in an evaluation by the Municipality of Rotterdam felt sexually intimidated in 2020. Research often focuses on the coping strategies and consequences of street harassment. At the same time, we still do not fully understand why this behaviour actually occurs. In this graduation, we therefore want to explore with youth how this behaviour comes about and how we can prevent it or turn it into positive behaviour.

Assignment:

For this opportunity, we have two options depending on the interest of the graduation student:

- 1) Applying a systems thinking approach to further understand and address the underlying drivers of street harassment and develop an intervention based on these drivers.
- 2) Using participatory design with youth in Rotterdam to find out the thoughts of important stakeholders on street harassment. In later stages, we want to work with them to turn the unravelled causes and behaviours into positive ones via design interventions.

In both opportunities, you will closely work with youth in Rotterdam (with a special emphasis on boys).

Would you like to work with young people to tackle street harassment in their neighbourhood? Then this assignment might be for you!

Your profile:

We are looking for Dutch-speaking IDE graduate students who enjoy working with youth (and mainly boys) aged 13-22 and facilitating a process to initiate behavioural change. During this assignment, you will collaborate with a PhD candidate at the sociology department of the Erasmus University Rotterdam (Charlotte van Tuijl) and potentially with another IDE Graduation Student. You will also collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including youth workers.

We have room for two IDE graduation students (all masters). Are you interested? Then contact Milene Gonçalves (m.guerreirogoncalves@tudelft.nl) and Charlotte van Tuijl (vantuijl@essb.eur.nl).

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