A Randomized Controlled Trial Testing a Social Network Intervention to Promote Physical Activity Among Adolescents by using Smartphones.

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MyMovez Wearable lab









Fitbit Flex

Step count per day











Smartphone

- Communication with Fitbit and server
- Questionnaires (e.g. Athletic competence)
- Assessment of social network
 - Friendship
 - Advice
 - Etc.

Other functionalities



















Adjustments on social network intervention

A: Selection

- network position
- team of Influence agents

B: Training

- on smartphones







A: How to select the influence agents







A: How to select the influence agents

Centrality

- Indegree (nominations)
- Closeness (average shortest paths to all members)







Team of Influence Agents



The 'greedy search algorithm'

















B: How to train the influence agents





Multi-day training sessions

Mobile sessions





B: How to train the influence agents



CrossMark

Appetite

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Provide information and fun facts





'Your role as influence agent'

Een van de doelen van myMovez is om jongeren te motiveren om meer te bewegen. Zouden jullie ons hiermee willen helpen? Jullie zullen dan jullie klasgenoten aanmoedigen om meer te bewegen. Dit kunnen jullie doen door ze te vertellen waarom het juist goed is om te bewegen, zelf het goede voorbeeld te geven, of een keer voor stellen om te gaan sporten met klasgenoten.

my movez >>

Jouw taak als aanvoerder:





How to: Influence the physical activity of classmates

> Ask for personal strategies and preferences [Self determination/ Self persuasion]









Create commitment by asking whether they accept the role.

Keep in touch with the influence agents via the app







Sample

Active parental consent for participation

1 School

- 11 Classes (5 intervention classes)
- 190 participants (46% male)
- 11 to 14 years old (*M* = 12.17 years, *SD* = .50)

Influence agents: 24 approached:

- 1 declined
- 4 no reaction
- 19 accepted role. 3 or 4 influence agents per class.









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Demographics

Social network questions



Athletic competence





Hierarchical structure: Multi-level approach



Imputation: Multiple Multilevel imputation







Multi-level model with Random Intercepts per Child and Day								
			S ²	b	SE	DF	р	95% CI
Rando m	Participan t	Intercept	0.16					
	Day	Intercept Residual	0.13 0.62					
Fixed		Intercept		.75	1.09	411.47	.49	[-1.39, 2.89]
		Measurement period		18	.08	39.243	.033*	[34,01]
		Condition		14	.10	426.30	.151	[33,05]
		Sex		39	.09	223.25	<.001*	[56,21]
		Age		04	.09	456.15	.67	[21, .14]
		Athletic competence		.18	.04	455.43	<.001*	[.09, .26]
		Measurement Period * Condition		.04	.10	85.05	.66	[15, .24]











Discussion

- Perceived distance between the influence agents and researchers
- Could not test the effect of closeness central vs degree central influence agents

Limitations

- One big school
- Relatively short intervention period
- Active parental consent
 - No classes with <60% participation





Messages for policy and practice

Social processes in interventions

Theoretical implications in social network interventions.

Positive feedback on the infographic.







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