



## **Community Participation in Health Promotion: Challenges and Successes**

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Community participation is a key element of effective health promotion, ensuring it adequately addresses the needs of community members. Community members hold important local knowledge that may feed into health promotion programs, research, and policy, contributing to its effectiveness. In health promotion, professionals often struggle to engage community members. For communities, it is not always clear how their input was used. Insight into best practices, explaining what works, how it works, and in which context, is needed to improve community participation in health promotion. We invite you to submit papers about community participation in health promotion that address issues, such as effective approaches for community participation; the societal impact (e.g., health literacy, empowerment, social cohesion) of community participation; practical and ethical challenges; and the role of professionals, researchers, and policymakers.





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