

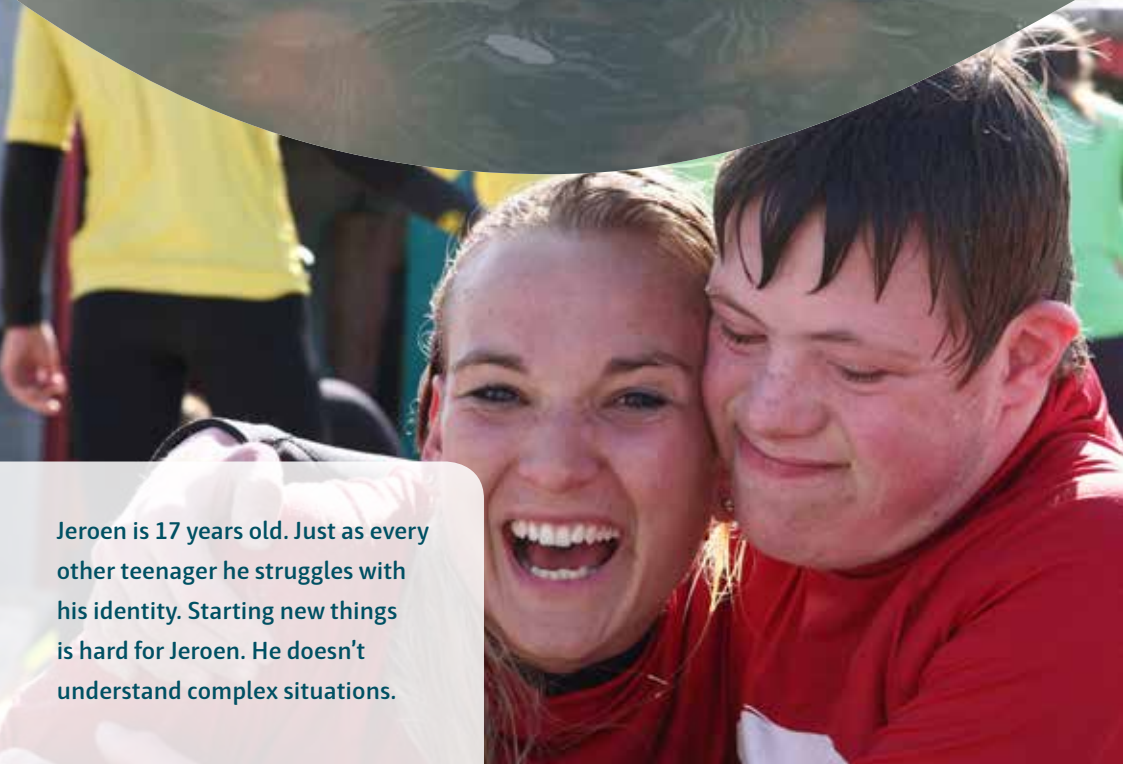
Meet Jeroen

This is Jeroen. Jeroen is full of life. He is very energetic and loves to swim. Jeroen has Down syndrome, a mental disorder and a low intelligence level. He has difficulties expressing himself verbally, and therefore social interaction and making friends are not easy for him. He cannot participate in team sports. Simply because he doesn't understand the rules and other people don't understand his behaviour.

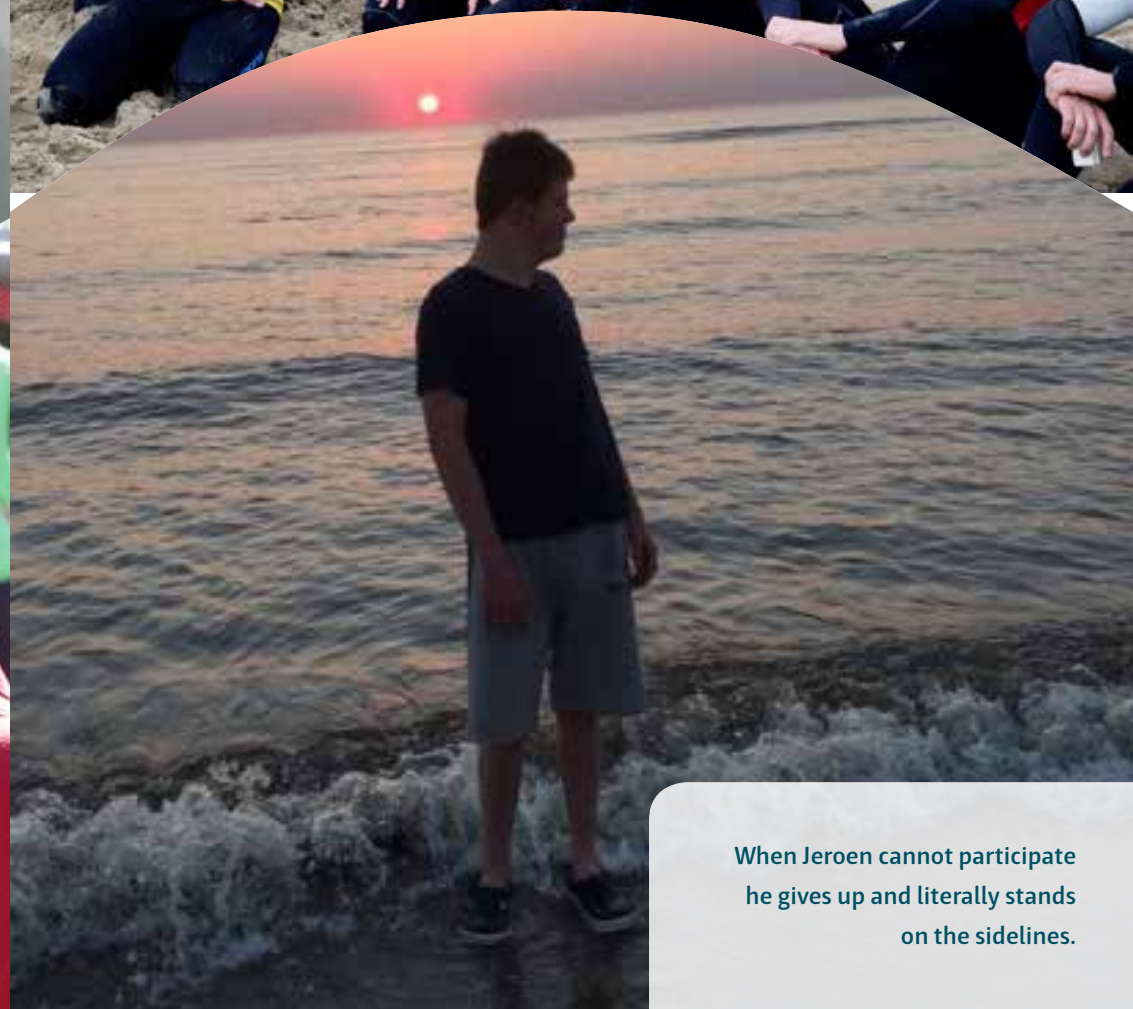
Jeroen's behaviour is impulsive. Not because he wants to be bad. Not at all, but he doesn't understand that his behaviour is sometimes inappropriate. It's just his way of communicating.



Jeroen needs an outlet for all his energy.



Jeroen is 17 years old. Just as every other teenager he struggles with his identity. Starting new things is hard for Jeroen. He doesn't understand complex situations.



When Jeroen cannot participate he gives up and literally stands on the sidelines.

Jeroen needs help to experience success. He needs help to realize he matters and he is just as important as everybody else in this world.



Surfing at Surf Project is a great experience for Jeroen. It makes him feel special and gives him more self-confidence.