

# Program 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Non Violent Resistance 2025

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025**      **Pre-conference Masterclasses (14:00 – 17:00 PM)**

Welcome from 13.30 pm

**Masterclass A**      **Navigating Anxiety and OCD in Children:**

**a masterclass on the SPACE treatment**

By Prof. Eli Lebowitz, USA,

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Masterclass about SPACE (Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions), a parenthood-based treatment for childhood anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder, based on Nonviolent Resistance.

Prof. Lebowitz has developed and researched this program and is also involved in the Dutch Centre of Expertise of SPACE:

[www.piresearch.nl/producten/space](http://www.piresearch.nl/producten/space)

**Masterclass B**      **The courage of connecting when the iron is hot:  
neuro de-escalation<sup>®</sup> in practice**

By Dr. Christoph Göttl and Mrs. Elke Göttl, Austria

[www.ressourcenreich.at](http://www.ressourcenreich.at)

A new and innovative approach that applies the findings of neurobiology, attachment- and trauma theory as well as body psychotherapy to the specific problem of escalation. In this way it complements work with Non Violent Resistance as well as attachment-based approaches.

This masterclass is given by the founders of neuro de-escalation<sup>®</sup>

**Masterclass C**      **The courage to connect and resist creates powerful schoolteams.  
Non Violent Resistance in the relation between colleagues and with  
parents.**

By Hilde Leonard and Freya Stevens, Belgium

[www.nagvopschool.be](http://www.nagvopschool.be)

Conflicts between authority figures in and around schools can prevent them of being an anchor for their pupils. These conflicts are the joint responsibility of each team member and Non Violent Resistance can be a key in helping authority figures – teachers and headmasters - to rediscover their influence and to feel the strength of cooperative relationships.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> 2025      Main Conference - Day 1**

- 8:30 Welcome: registration and coffee/tea
- 9:00 Opening of the conference by the organising committee
- 9:30 **Keynote I: Prof. Haim Omer – Israel**  
**How to become a better Non Violent Resistance-counsellor for parents and teachers?**
- 10:00 **Keynote II: Eliane Wiebenga – Netherlands**  
**The courage of Connecting Authority: with sensitivity and determination**
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 **Parallel sessions**, round A (in 6 rooms) → A diversity of workshops, selected via the 'call for participation'
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13.30 **"Reach out and connect"**- a structured, but interactive meeting and exchange in 'open source'-groups, based on posters about subjects like youthcare, education, neighbourhoods, culture sensitive work etc.
- 14:15 **Parallel sessions**, round B (in 6 rooms) → A diversity of workshops, selected via the 'call for participation'
- 15:45 Break
- 16:15 **Keynote III: Willem Beckers – Belgium**  
**Six key attitudes for systemic practice in the field of extreme social withdrawal (hikikomori)**
- 16:45 **A cultural surprise**
- 16:55 Closing of the 1<sup>st</sup> day
- 17.00 – 18.30 All participants are invited for a drink in the main hall !

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 2015      Main conference – day 2**

8:30    Welcome with coffee/tea

9:00    Warming up for the day

9:15    **Keynote IV:    Martin Lemme – Germany**  
**The power of presence at school: getting and staying connected**

9:45    **Keynote V:    Dr. Michaela Fried – Austria**  
**Not to Go is a No Go: embracing Non Violent Resistance and Authority for Global Transformation**

10:15    Break

10:45    **Parallel sessions**, round C (in 6 rooms) → A diversity of workshops,  
selected via the 'call for participation'

12:15    Lunch

13:15    **Parallel sessions**, round D (in 6 rooms) → A diversity of workshops,  
selected via the 'call for participation'

14:45    Break

15:15 **Keynote VI :**    **Kathelijne van Dongen – Netherlands**  
**Hope anchors the soul: the healing power of Connecting Authority, based on NVR and DBT, in the prevention of adolescent suicide.**

15:45 **Keynote VII:**    **Mrs. Mpho Tutu van Furth – Netherlands/South Africa:**  
**Ubuntu and Non Violent Resistance at home and in the community**

16:30                    Closing of the conference by the organising committee

17.00                    THE END !