

Program



"The courage of Connecting Authority & Non Violent Resistance: how to attach and resist"

April 3rd 2025

Pre-conference Masterclasses

14:00 - 17:00

Welcome & registration from 13:30
Coffee/tea break 15:15 - 15:45
Joint closure in Marble Hall 16:45 - 17:00

Masterclass A

Navigating Anxiety and OCD in Children: a masterclass on the SPACE treatment

By Prof. Eli Lebowitz and Yaara Shimsoni, PhD (USA)

www.medicine.yale.edu/profile/eli-lebowitz/

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

Masterclass B

The courage of connecting when the iron is hot: neuro de-escalation® in practice

By Dr. Christoph Göttl and Elke Göttl (Austria)

www.neurodeescalation.com

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®

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

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.

Program



April 4th 2025

Main Conference - Day 1

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| 08:00 | Welcome | registration and coffee/tea |
| 09:00 | Opening of the conference by the organising committee | |
| 09:30 | 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 - A | Round A (in 6 rooms)
A diversity of workshops, selected via the 'call for participation' |
| 12:30 | Lunch | |
| 13:30 | “Reach out & connect” | A structured, but interactive meeting and exchange in 'open source'-groups, based on posters about subjects like youth-care, education, neighbourhoods, culture-sensitive work etc. |
| 14:15 | Parallel sessions - B | 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 1st day | |
| 17:00 - 18:00 | All participants are invited for a drink in the main hall! | |



Program



April 5th 2025

Main Conference - Day 2

- 08:00** **Welcome** registration and coffee/tea
- 09:00** **Interview with international students of the United World College, Maastricht (NL): 5 young women from Sudan, Afghanistan, Tibet, Ukraine and Burkina Faso**
- 09:30** **Keynote IV** Martin Lemme – Germany
The power of presence at school: getting and staying connected
- 10:00** **Keynote V** Dr. Michaela Fried – Austria
Not to Go is a No Go: embracing Non Violent Resistance and Authority for Global Transformation
- 10:30** **Break**
- 11:00** **Parallel sessions - C** Round C (in 6 rooms)
A diversity of workshops, selected via the 'call for participation'
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30** **Parallel sessions - D** Round D (in 6 rooms)
A diversity of workshops, selected via the 'call for participation'
- 15:00** **Break**
- 15:30** **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.
- 16:00** **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!**

Workshops - round A



April 4th 2025
Friday

Parallel sessions A
11:00 - 12:30

1. Queen Maxima Hall (200 p)



Eli Lebowitz (USA)

Addressing cross-generational factors and parent behaviours in childhood anxiety and OCD with SPACE.

2. Maurits Room (100 p)



Marie Louise Schreiter (Germany), Willem Beckers (Belgium), Peter Jakob (England)

Bridging NVR and basic neuro-science: the neuro-scientific base for building courage and resilience with imaginary methods.

3. Council Room (40 p)



Jeroen Wierstra (Netherlands), Faye Koolen (Netherlands), Jens van Cleynenbreugel (Belgium)

Beyond words: the courage to 'do' (practice what we preach).

4. Board Room (40 p)



Irit Schorr-Sapir (Israël)

The effectiveness of Non-Violent Resistance versus medication in treating ADHD and ODD in children.

5. Claus Room (30 p)



Peter Goldstein (Germany)

Learning peace in times of war.

6. Emma Room (30 p)



Carla Stals and Burcu Bayar (Netherlands)

Parents as anchors for their children in cases of human trafficking.

Workshops - round B



April 4th 2025
Friday

Parallel sessions B
14:15 - 15:45

1. Queen Maxima Hall (200 p)



Kathelijne van Dongen, experienced parents and youngsters (Netherlands) and Haim Omer (Israel)

Hope anchors the soul, the healing power of parental anchoring in the prevention of adolescent suicide.

2. Maurits Room (100 p)



Christoph and Elke Göttl (Austria)

The courage of connecting when the iron is hot: Neuro-de-escalation® in practice.

3. Council Room (40 p)



Kerry Shoesmith and Amy Howell (England)

Approaches to supporting complex families through ReAttach and Non Violent Resistance: a powerful partnership in therapeutic practice

4. Board Room (40 p)



Martin Fellacher and Leonhard Preiss (Austria)

'Reward and punishment' and how it interferes with an attitude of New Authority and Non Violent Resistance

5. Claus Room (30 p)



Lynn Hardney and Anne Bolger (Ireland)

Fostering the courage for resistance when parental mental health is eroded by their young person's substance misuse.

6. Emma Room (30 p)



Frank Boumann-Habersack (Germany)

A transformation process to authority for people who take responsibility for leading.

Workshops - round C



April 5th 2025
Saturday

Parallel sessions C
11:00 - 12:30

1. Queen Maxima Hall (200 p)



Declan Coogan and Eileen Lauster (Ireland)

Connecting and resisting: Irish practitioners experiences of working with parents and Non Violent Resistance in cases of child-to-parent-violence (CPVA).

2. Maurits Room (100 p)



Erik Faasen en Eefke Faasen (Netherlands)

The announcement and sit-in call for courageous teachers: what do they need?

3. Council Room (40 p)



Dan Dulberger (Canada)

Gandhi didn't care: how therapeutic NVR and political Non Violent Resistance differ.

4. Board Room (40 p)



Clarine Corstens (Netherlands) and Eline Smessaert (Belgium)

Courage to Act: empowering professionals to support parents of adolescents with eating disorders.

5. Claus Room (30 p)



Shila Derai (UK) and Vasiliki Loumpa (Netherlands/Greece)

The couple relationship and acts of resistance.

6. Emma Room (30 p)



Kathy Vereecken and Marijke Eeckeleers (Belgium)

Embracing resistance: insights and experiences from a therapeutic day program for teenagers with various psychiatric problems.

Workshops - round D



April 5th 2025
Saturday

Parallel sessions D
13:30 - 15:00

1. Queen Maxima Hall (200 p)



Nina Boelsgaard and Rikke Lyngdam (Denmark)

The courage to trust again: what does it take to regain the trust of the wounded child?

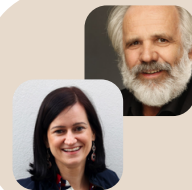
2. Maurits Room (100 p)



Tanya Eichler (Canada)

Creating effective family supports with innovation and limited resource, using a hybrid NVR-model and Polyvagal theory.

3. Council Room (40 p)



Philip Streit and Natascha Hodanek (Austria)

Safe harbour, presence, vigilant care and moments of love in the work with babies and toddlers.

4. Board Room (40 p)



Ron Ottenbros and Kirsten van Gink (Netherlands)

How to make the R in nvR bigger.

5. Claus Room (30 p)



Ruth Willems (Netherlands)

The power of narrative reflections in Non Violent Resistance: how to find the courage to engage and persist in NVR.

6. Emma Room (30 p)



Marieke van Rijn and Irene Kalshoven (Netherlands)

From the search between 'forceful' or careful care' to a focus on establishing the relationship and enabling Non Violent Resistance.