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29th & 30th
March 2012

New Trends in Nonviolent Resistance

“Between New Authority and Attachment”

Second International Conference Nonviolent Resistance

With Prof. Dr. Haim Omer

Other keynote speakers:

Michael Grabbe (*Germany*)
Dr. Peter Jakob (*UK*)
Dr. Hans Bom (*The Netherlands*)
Frank Van Hoen (*Belgium*)
Idan Amiel (*Israël*)
Iris Shachar-Lavie (*Israël*)
Irit Schorr-Sapir (*Israël*)

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For social workers, clinicians, therapists, counselors, staff in child welfare, professionals in education, and everyone who takes an interest in the adjustment and wellbeing of children and adolescents.

Over the past 15 years Professor Haim Omer and his team developed an effective approach for children with aggressive and self-destructive behaviour. It is inspired by the socio-political sphere, in which Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King preached “nonviolent resistance” in their struggle for equality and justice. Nonviolent resistance helps parents to overcome their anger and helplessness, to break the cycle of escalations and to reach out to their children in a determined, but strictly nonviolent way. It helps them to restore a form of authority, described as the ‘New Authority’ (NA) based on focused attention, presence, proximity, and interest and characterized by the (re)inclusion of “vigilant care”.

Nonviolent Resistance and New Authority offer parents, teachers and other authority figures ways to provide both ‘love’ and ‘leadership’, to respond sensitively to a child’s signals and needs, and at the same time provide structure and respectful leadership. Haim Omer offers a unique understanding of authority in modern society. Furthermore, by using the metaphor of the ‘Anchoring Function’ he lays a bridge with the attachment theory. Nowadays we realise that attachment is not only about responsiveness and protection, but also about setting limits without losing contact. Those ideas inspired many people in various countries to implement and adapt Nonviolent Resistance and New Authority for a growing range of problems (anxiety, ADHD, internet addiction, school refusal, etcetera) and in different settings (families, schools, child psychiatry, children looked after in residential and foster care, etcetera).

At this international conference new developments will be presented by Haim Omer and his associates. Furthermore experts from different countries will present their experiences with the various applications of Non Violent Resistance and New Authority.



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Programme – Thursday, 29th March 2012

08.45 Registration, tea and coffee

09.30 Opening remarks by Eliane Wiebenga

09.45 Plenary Presentation

Prof. Dr. Haim Omer: The Anchoring Function: New Authority and Attachment

10.45 Plenary Presentation

Iris Shachar-Lavie: Digital natives: NVR and internet use and overuse

11.30 Tea and coffee

12.00 Plenary Presentation

Dr. Hans Bom: Complex Cases and the use of principles and interventions of Nonviolent Resistance

12.45 Lunch

13.45 6 parallel sessions

Prof. Dr. Haim Omer: Improving the Mobilization of Fathers and Supporters

*Dr. Nick Goddard & Kirsten van Gink: Silent Message Sending (SMS).
How to do a ‘sit-in’ in a residential, non-family setting*

De Banjaard: Nonviolent Resistance challenges in Intellectual Disability

Yaara Shimshoni: Parental Vigilant Care and Teen-Driving

*Eliane Wiebenga & Dr. Hans Bom: The anchoring function of the professional:
presence and support in the therapeutic alliance with parents*

*Jan Hoet: Praktijkervaringen met gewelddoos verzet en nieuwe autoriteit in de jeugdhulpverlening:
hindernissen en kansen vanuit 4 instellingen voor jeugdzorg (This session is in Dutch)*

14.45 Tea and coffee

15.15 Plenary Presentation

Irit Schorr-Sapir: School-refusal

16.00 Plenary Presentation

*Frank Van Holen: New Authority and Attachment in foster care.
Supporting foster parents in providing a secure base*

17.00 Evening Reception with drinks



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08.45 Tea and coffee

09.30 Opening remarks by Sarah Keyaert

09.45 Plenary Presentation

Idan Amiel: New Authority – Non violent Resistance for Schools and Institutions

10.30 Plenary Presentation

Michael Grabbe: Reconciliation: There is no way to a good relationship – a good relationship is the way

11.15 Tea and coffee

11.45 6 parallel sessions

Prof. Dr. Haim Omer: Open Attention: the Basic Level of Vigilant Care

Dr. Peter Jakob: Violent Children can be Children in need – reconciliation work and child focus

Idan Amiel: New Authority Network International: getting NVR activists connected

Paul Meganck: The Odyssey-day 408: “The ongoing journey of integrating New Authority within the expertise and culture of an organization”

Dan Dolberger: NVR Interventions in cases of Adult Entitled Dependence

Prof. Dr. Johan Vanderfaeillie: NVR: wat weten we reeds en wat moeten we nog weten. Jan Hoet en Leen Hermkens: Dialoog en ethiek in gewelddoos verzet en nieuwe autoriteit (This session is in Dutch)

12.45 Lunch

13.45 6 parallel sessions

Irit Schorr-Sapir: Intervention program for parents of children with ADHD: emphasizing the teacher-parent alliance

Frans Duintjer & Mies de Cock: Non Violent Resistance: a powerful tool in systemic therapies

Lenny Rodenburgh & Henk Breugem: Groepsgezintherapie (This session is in Dutch)

Prof. Dr. Annik Lampo: Nonviolent Resistance and New Authority, infants and toddlers: handle with care

Dr. Ifat Levavi: Adapting NVR to Eating Disorders

Ber van der Stegen: Nonviolent Resistance: verandering van mindset & tools in een (dag) klinische behandelsetting (This session is in Dutch)

14.45 Tea and coffee

15.15 Plenary Presentation

Dr. Peter Jakob: Nonviolence and Families in Distress – adapting NVR to the needs of multi-stressed families

16.00 Plenary Presentation

Prof. Dr. Haim Omer: Working with Parents of Children with Anxiety Problems

16.40 Epilogue

The Flemish Minister of Welfare, Public Health and Family - Jo Vandeurzen has been invited