



## April 2021 Newsletter

### Looking for Validation Training?

We have a wide range of Validation training opportunities currently available to meet your unique needs!

**Beginning Validation Tutorial** (17 on-demand lessons)

**Naomi Feil Workshop Documentary** (on-demand rental or purchase)

**Family Caregiver Course** (early bird rate of \$150 ends May 1st!)

**Memory Care Validation Training with NCCAP** (online class begins June 1st)

### New Developments in Belgium and the Netherlands

An incredibly active group of Validation Teachers in Belgium, combined with an enthusiastic Dutch organization are spreading the Validation method among Dutch and Flemish speaking caregivers. Read more about their progress [here](#) and if you live in the Netherlands or Flanders, please [contact them here](#).

### Calling All Art Therapists!

The Validation Training Institute team is excited to share that our friend and colleague Anneke Neef is researching how Validation can be used with Art

Therapy. If you are an Art Therapist using the Validation method in your work with older adults please [reach out to her here](#). She will ensure that your privacy is respected in her research.

## **Walking the Walk: Naomi Feil Puts Validation into Practice with her Husband**

Naomi Feil has said that disorientation in late life is caused by significant physical losses (brain, sensory systems, and simply old organ systems) as well as social psychological losses. A validator pays attention to the whole person, accepting and supporting that person where they are in the moment. Working as a team, Naomi, her children, and caregivers were able to give Naomi's husband Ed the highest quality of life and real joy. This was not despite his disorientation but including his disorientation, and adaptive to his physical and psycho-social needs as he declined over the decades. [Read more about their story here.](#)

## **Free Webinar on April 27th: 3 Steps to Integrating Validation Principles into your Community**

Join Validation Master Vicki de Klerk-Rubin for a 30-minute webinar to get new ideas and inspiration! Vicki will describe examples of Validating Environments that she has seen all over the world and she will describe 3 clear steps for how you can create a community that supports each individual and honors their basic human needs. [Register here.](#)



## Validation Talk and Techniques Monthly Meet-Up

[Learn more and register here](#)

**Time:** 5pm PST/6pm MST/7pm CST/8pm EST

**Dates:** April 29th, May 27th, June 24th and July 29th

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