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February Newsletter

This month we celebrate caregivers, a sold-out course, Validation milestones from Spain to Italy, and a Save the Date from Vienna. Here's what's happening across our global community.

FEBRUARY 20TH

Honoring Those Who Show Up Every Day

National Caregivers Day falls on February 20th, and we want to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary people who dedicate their lives to caring for others. Whether you're a professional caregiver in a memory care community, a family member supporting a parent through cognitive change, or a volunteer bringing warmth and presence to someone who needs it—this day is for you.

Naomi Feil built the Validation Method on the belief that every person deserves to be heard, understood, and met with empathy. Caregivers are the ones who put that belief into practice every single day. Your work matters more than you may know.

From all of us at VTI—thank you.



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Validation for Activity
Professionals

SOLD OUT

COURSE FEATURE

Validation for Activity Professionals: Sold Out—and Growing

We're thrilled to share that our Validation for Activity Professionals course has officially sold out. This is a meaningful milestone—not just because the seats are filled, but because it reflects a growing recognition that frontline caregivers and activity teams deserve high-quality training in communication and connection.

This 11-week online course teaches practical Validation techniques that professionals can use immediately in their daily work with residents living with cognitive decline. Participants receive a Validation Gateway Certificate upon completion.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

May 2026 – Activity Professionals (US)

September 2026 – Activity Professionals (US)

Interested in bringing Validation training to your organization? [Reach out to us](#)—we'd love to help.



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VTI + NAPA PARTNERSHIP

Validation for Activity Providers: Now Open for UK Enrollment

In partnership with the National Activity Providers Association (NAPA), we're proud to offer *Validation for Activity Providers*—an 11-week online course designed specifically for those working directly with older adults in care settings across the UK.

Led by Certified Validation Teacher Nancy Brown, this course combines six live interactive webinars with practical communication strategies you can apply immediately. Whether you're an activity provider, nursing assistant, adult day centre team member, or volunteer, the skills you'll gain are adaptable and grounded in real-world practice.

Classroom opens: February 25

Live webinars: March 13 & 27 • April 10 & 24 • May 8 & 22

Time: Fridays, 9:00 – 10:15 AM GMT

Cost: £185 | Includes Validation Gateway Certificate

Final assessment due: June 5

Nancy recently went live on NAPA's social media to talk about the course, and the response was wonderful—over 100 views in the first hour alone.

[Watch the recording on NAPA's LinkedIn page.](#)

[Learn More & Register →](#)



AVO FEATURE

Vincore: Person-Centered Care from the Heart of Spain

This month we're proud to spotlight Vincore, a cooperative based in Spain and one of our Authorized Validation Organizations (AVOs). Founded in 2021 by four dedicated professionals—Javier Irujo, Anabel Quiroga, Raül Vilar, and Duna Ulsamer—Vincore brings together deep expertise in the Validation Method, Reminiscence Technique, Person-Centered Care, and Dementia Care Mapping.

What makes Vincore stand out is their commitment to experiential learning. Their training programs prioritize safe, reflective spaces where professional teams can share experiences and develop practical tools they can apply immediately. All four co-founders began their Validation training in 2014 and

each bring a unique perspective—from social work and physical therapy to social education and theater therapy.

Vincore currently offers introductory and Level 1 Validation training courses in both France and Spain, with plans to expand into Level 2 and 3 training as well as family and volunteer education programs. They also collaborate with European networks to share knowledge and innovation across borders.

We're grateful for the work Vincore is doing to bring Validation to Spain and beyond. Their combination of rigor and warmth reflects the very spirit of Naomi Feil's legacy.

[Read the Full AVO Feature →](#)



VALIDATION IN ACTION

Italy's First Validation Certified Institute

We are delighted to share a historic milestone from our colleagues at AGAPE AVO in Italy. Under the leadership of Validation Master Cinzia Siviero, the "Danielato" Elderly Services Center in Cavarzere (province of Venice) has become the first Validation Certified Institute in Italy.

The certification journey spanned approximately one year and was completed in December 2025 through VTI's Institute Quality Certification program. The Danielato Center's connection to Validation runs deep—over the years, the center steadily grew its practice under the guidance of Certified Validation Teacher Licia Conti, building a lasting professional relationship with AGAPE AVO.

Today, the institute has fifteen Level 1 Validation Workers and four Level 2 Group Leaders, with at least one staff member considering Level 3 training. Cinzia notes that what struck her most was the atmosphere of "home" present throughout the Center—a reflection of their deep commitment to the value of respect.

"What impacted me the most was the atmosphere of 'home' you can feel in every part of the Center, who are very committed to the value of respect."

— Cinzia Siviero, Validation Master & AGAPE AVO Manager

Congratulations to the entire Danielato team and to AGAPE AVO for this well-deserved recognition.

[Read the Full Article →](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Validation Symposium & International Meeting — Vienna, Austria

Symposium Validation:
Walking in Someone Else's Shoes

Friday, October 16, 2026

A day with Validation experts at the Kardinal König Haus, 1130 Vienna

International Meeting of Validation Masters, Teachers & Presenters

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Mark your calendars! This October, the Validation community gathers in Vienna for a two-day event hosted by AVO Caritas Wien and Wiener Rotes Kreuz. The Friday symposium is open to all Validation professionals and enthusiasts, while Saturday's international meeting brings together Masters, Teachers, and Presenters from across the globe.

More details—including registration information and the full program—will follow in the coming weeks. Stay tuned.



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VTI Is Open for New Partnerships

Whether you're a senior care provider, educational institution, health system, or community organization, we'd love to explore how Validation training can support your teams and the families you serve.

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Upcoming Meetings

MARCH

No meetings scheduled this month.

APRIL

14 MON Teacher Meeting

10am PT / 1pm ET / 7pm CET

28 MON AVO Meeting

10am PT / 1pm ET / 7pm CET

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