

Authenticity – Connection – Impact

Do you want to help people feel free and at ease when they speak in public?

Do you want to help people and teams to connect and be authentic in their communication?

You have come to the right place to learn how to teach the simple and yet amazingly effective methods of Relational Presence and Speaking Circles.

When we help people to be present and connected with themselves and others at the same time, magic can happen.

These methods are used not only in helping people to feel confident and connected in public speaking but are also very valuable for building trust in teams and creating highly effective and inspiring meetings.

On a personal level you develop the ability to be consciously present in any situation. This means being aware and at ease in the-here-and-now with what is happening, within and without. The art of deep listening and authentic speaking. And with practice you will bring that nourishing attunement naturally to others, in leadership, in relationships, at work and at home.



Relational Presence® Facilitator

The Certification Program 2025

TBA

Country: Belgium

Training and Traineeship



Four-Day Training

The certification program starts with a four-day training intensive. This concentrated program works on the level of personal transformation while teaching you the skills and tools you will need to become a masterful Facilitator. Enrolment is limited to 8 people, allowing for extensive personal attention for all trainees. Although the approach is well known for its simplicity, the art of facilitating asks for a mix of subtlety, experience, personal mastery and being the model of Relational Presence. Our training seeks to help you acquire these skills.

Daily programme - 10am to 5.30pm

Day 1 of the training involves both the clarification of objectives and purpose for each participant and in-depth experience designed to anchor and advance the essentials of Relational Presence. As a Facilitator it is important to be able to model authentic speaking and listening and allowing content to emerge naturally. The focus in the basic work is on awareness and presence, not performing and performance.

On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th days you will learn, besides being the model, the craft of facilitating Relational Presence: how to introduce and frame the work for different target groups, the structure of the program, understanding the purpose of the different steps and the guidelines, how to model and generate brief affirmative feedback, how to make interventions, and how to create and maintain safety for everyone in the group during the whole process.

After the training

The 2nd phase of the program is the self-study and practice phase, which usually lasts three months. After the four-day intensive, you will arrange and lead several practice circles as a Facilitator-Trainee. You can organize these yourself at your own pace.

We provide a support forum for the training group with monthly conference calls. Trainees are expected to deepen their understanding of the work by continuing to participate in Circles, either via professionally facilitated Circles, by attending the virtual luxury circles organized by the Relational Presence Network or creating a peer Circle. When you feel ready, you can submit a recording of you facilitating the work, to be reviewed and discussed during a private coaching session with the trainers.

“The confidence to speak in any public situation transforms your ability to be yourself in all areas of life”

Benefits and Investment

The total investment is € 2100 ex VAT. Including the following:

- Four-day core training intensive
- Facilitator Manual (English language)
- Personal Video Recordings made during the training.
- Three 1-hour long group coaching calls
- Review of video submissions with private coaching follow up
- After certification a Membership of the Relational Presence Network (RPN)
 - Your license fee for 2025 is included (150€ a year to relicense)
 - As a member of RPN you are also licensed to use the Speaking Circles brand and logo
 - Exclusive admission to the virtual platform of RPN for sharing knowledge
 - It's a practice - free attendance to the Virtual Practice Circles –organised by RPN
 - Exclusive admission to Master Classes organised by RPN (for licensed facilitators only)
 - Significant discount on admission fee for the annual Facilitator Days of RPN (in former years we gathered in London, Toulouse, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bristol)
 - Your profile on the RPN website
 - Your training courses on RP on the RPN website

Please note that the training fee does not include meals or lodging.

Prerequisite and Application

Prerequisite is a minimum of 2 days Relational Presence training with a licensed Facilitator of the Relational Presence Network and a positive recommendation of the Facilitator in charge. The application process includes a written application as well as an online interview. To download an application form, contact us via our website www.relationalpresence.eu

Licensed Facilitator

Upon completion of the Certification Training, you are qualified and licensed to become a partner of the Relational Presence Network AND by this you are also licensed by Speaking Circles International. These licenses allow you to use the brand names and logos of *Relational Presence*[®] and *Speaking Circles*[®] and all the benefits mentioned above.

Certified Facilitators are now practicing in many different countries around the world. From Japan to Denmark and France to Canada. Not all Facilitators offer *Relational Presence and Speaking Circles programs* to the public; some people integrate the basics of how to communicate in Relational Presence into the work that they already do. We have coaches, consultants, professional speakers, business leaders, psychologists, teachers, artists, lawyers, storytellers and more who apply this work to their particular fields of activity. The need to be heard and seen is universal.

The train-the-trainers

Jennet Burghard and Koos Wolcken have taught this program for many new Facilitators for more than 15 years. They love to contribute to the mission of the Relational Presence Network, so that people can discover the power of authentic communication and apply it in all aspects of their lives.



Quotes from former participants



“This facilitator's training course is an amazing life-changing experience. It gives you an unique opportunity to reconnect with yourself by listening to your inner voice and then transfer this skill to building more authentic relationships with others.”

Anne Brittain, licensed Facilitator in France

“Learning to facilitate Relational Presence is learning to address your ability to really become aware of the essence of connection in the here and now. You can be the model of RP in any context!”

Caroline Peet, licensed Facilitator and working as a teacher at a Higher Professional Education Institute in the Netherlands

“Being completely yourself and in relation with others, is very liberating. Relational Presence makes you leave your comfort zone in a gentle way. It was one of the best trainings ever to me and I am very happy to help spreading this work.”

Koen Desmedt, Entrepreneur and licensed Facilitator in Belgium

"Jennet and Koos are masterful facilitators and trainers. They teach with great heart and intelligence, and absolutely know this work from the inside out. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend training with them"

Daniel Kingsley, licensed Facilitator in London, UK and director of Presence Training

Interested? Talk to your course Facilitator
or contact Jennet or Koos - info@relationalpresence.eu