

January 23, 2014

Dear Delegates and Movement Group Participants!

The Core Group of the Movement Group, including guests for part of the time, came together in Larchfield, England, January 8 – 11, 2014.

The current Core Group consists of: Ruediger Grimm (Goetheanum/Switzerland); Henrik Hammer (Norway); Betty Marx (Scotland); Michael Motz (Switzerland); Sabine Otto (USA); Richard Steel (Karl König Institute).

We are actively looking for Core Group members to join from Ireland, England and the African Region to accommodate changes in each of the regions and core group members' lives. For the moment James Sleigh and Andreas Groth have agreed to be contacts into the region, taking over this task from Christoph Jensen.

We are saying good-bye and thank you to Oliver Gordon (Irish Region), heard Richard Steel's intention to step down from the Core Group after the Summer Meeting, and welcomed Betty Marx (Scottish Region), replacing Colin Haldane who stepped down for health reasons.

Guests joining the meeting on Wednesday/Thursday:

Mary Pearson, Camphill Families and Friends; Chris Beckett, CVT; Vivian Griffiths, once founder of Larchfield; Mike English, manager of Larchfield; Huw John, CVT. Invited though unable to attend: Kathryn von Stein (who joined us for an informal evening; Jonathan Reid and Mark Barber from Botton; Geoffrey Weir for the Association of Camphill Communities.

As the Core Group, we experienced that by extending participation to guests also at our Winter meeting, we were able to have a richer conversation, and moved more pro-actively from a reflective – inward, retreat-like quality to a reflective – outward, participatory quality. It seems in-keeping with our changing times that also the task of the Core Group is transforming, from a purely listening organ to possibly becoming a resource for the regions when wanted.

On our agenda:

1. Looking back to the last Summer Meeting, hosted in Delrow, England.
2. Preparing for the next Summer Meeting, hosted in Loch Arthur, Scotland (theme and outline of a program)
3. Considering the developments of the Core Group, past, present and near future.
4. Considering the important role of delegates.
5. Looking into wider Movement affairs.
6. Experiencing a flavor of Larchfield.

Looking back to the last Summer Meeting, we acknowledged the difficulty of identifying the regional bodies in the English/Welsh region, as well as the people who are

mandated to speak from the regional perspective. It would be very important to find a Core Group member, as well as consistent delegates from the English/Welsh region. The role of the AoCC in connection to the region was also looked at and will be a question to be continued, especially as Geoffrey was unable to attend.

Summer Meeting of the Camphill Movement Group, Loch Arthur, June 10 – 14, 2014

By looking back we elaborated on our theme for the next Summer meeting which has the topic of “Communities For Tomorrow”:

One aspect we spoke about was that in some regions, the contribution of Camphill Centers is more consciously placed into the larger context of Anthroposophical institutions whereas in other regions this is not a consciously/strongly held partnership and sometimes Camphill greatly outnumbers the other Anthroposophical ventures..

The core questions we thought would be worthwhile to turn to as a Movement are:

- Anthroposophy – how is it relevant?
- Anthroposophy – how is it innovative?

How we respond to these core questions can and will shape how we see, nurture and further Camphill’s development going into the future. Further deliberation on these thoughts guided the development of the program, the focus of reporting from the regions and creating the subtitle:

“Anthroposophy as Source for Inspiration”.

You will find attached a Program Framework.

Please, note the change of dates! The Summer Meeting will be held in Loch Arthur, June 10 – 14, 2014.

We will complete the program in the next week or two and send it to you along with details for travel, accommodation, costs etc.

Reports from the regions:

Please, use the core questions to describe how/where Anthroposophy is the inspiration in the work of Camphill. This could include innovations in how the work of Camphill expresses itself, or has been transformed.

- How is the work seen as relevant to your context
- Describe the relevance of the work of our Camphill centers in the context of the wider community, anthroposophical centers and other partnerships.
- Is the work of our centers seen as providing relevant services? (Please, connect to last year’s report)

PLEASE, let us have the regional reports by Easter at the latest. They don't have to be long, but to the point. Send them to: Sabine Otto: sotto@camphillsoltane.org

Any additional information can gladly be shared at the evening for Movement Affairs (please let Michael Motz know about these themes) or at the display desk and information screen.

Please don't forget to bring the names of those who have died since last June and give the list then to Richard Steel . It would be good to have the name, birth and death date, as well as just a few words about the person's life and work.

Preparatory reading for the Summer Meeting:

Karl Koenig – “Becoming Human , A Social Task” (Koenig quotes extensively from Rudolf Steiner's lecture: „The Inner Aspect of the Social Question“, February 11th1919), particularly the Easter Sunday lecture 1964 (50 years ago!) and including the introductory essay: "Motifs of the Social Mission in Karl König's Life". !

Guest List for the summer meeting –not complete:

Vivian Griffiths, Mary Pearson, Mike English, Geoffrey Weir, Huw John, Chris Beckett, Kathryn von Stein.

The role of delegates, apart from being the ones collating reports and being present at the summer meeting, is that of a contact into the infra structure of the regions for the Core Group.

If you know now already that you will be attending or know we expect you but you will not be able to come, please, indicate this to both:

Rike Witt rike@locharthur.org.uk or

Sabine Otto sotto@camphillsoltane.org

Dear Delegates, please, circulate this information around your region to wherever it needs to get!

With warm greetings,

Sabine Otto

For the Core Group of the Movement Group

Attached: Draft Program for the Summer Meeting