

International Camphill Movement Group

The Camphill Movement has no centralized legal organization but actively strives for close cooperation and exchange. Currently, it consists of varying autonomous initiatives and communities in seven geographic regions. The regional structures are responsible for acquisition and use of the name “Camphill” in their geographic area.

The International Camphill Movement Group, inaugurated in 1964, is one of the principal, non-executive organs of the Camphill Movement. It comprises two entities: the **Movement Group** and the **Core Group**. Both actively work together engaging in networking with the regions in order to uphold their mission and responsibility in close connection to the Anthroposophical Society, the School of Spiritual Science and the Inner Community of Camphill.

A. Mission:

- We create a platform for furthering the understanding of the Camphill Movement and its various regions in a changing world (common consciousness)
- We facilitate the ongoing and active process of vision building (past, present, future) leading to new impulses concerning Camphill’s evolution
- We keep alive and work with the original images and intentions of Camphill
- We stimulate interest, encounter, discourse, critical reflection and learning
- We offer occasions for research on issues that touch and challenge the Camphill Movement
- We work towards the understanding and unfolding of the threefold social order
- We foster active exchange, interaction and communication between the regions and their different organs
- We engender cohesion through exploring diversity and discovering what unites us
- We engage with the other organs of Camphill such as the Inner Community and the international Dialogue
- We raise consciousness and actively search to communicate and engage with related initiatives and developments in society.

B. Responsibility:

The International Camphill Movement Group, through the leadership of the Core Group:

- Ensures that the Movement Group holds an annual summer meeting that focuses on a specific theme relevant to Camphill also including a commemoration evening for those who have died as well as space for sharing the situation and developments from the different regions
- Guarantees that all Movement Group organizational and related information is made available
- Establishes a yearly Core Group meeting to be held December/January
- Is available as a resource for consultation to the regions.

C. Description and Tasks:

1. The **Movement Group** consists of delegates from the seven regions of Camphill: 1) Scotland; 2) England and Wales; 3) Ireland; 4) the Northern Region (Norway, Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Russia); 5) the Middle European Region (Germany, Switzerland, France, Holland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Austria, Poland); 6) African Region (Botswana, South Africa); and 7) North America (United States and Canada). An eighth region is presently developing (Vietnam, India and other initiatives). The Movement Group meeting also includes invited guests.

Each region via its central organ mandates up to three delegates for a three-year term (which can be renewed by the regions), ensuring that new members will come on in consecutive years. Existing delegates will help new delegates find their way into the tasks and meetings.

Delegates need to familiarize themselves with the trends, concerns and challenges of their regions through participating regularly and actively at their regional forums. Delegates are regularly reviewed by their regional organ.

The delegates' tasks are:

- a. Preparing the yearly reports according to the meeting's theme
 - b. Participating at the Movement Group meeting
 - c. Reporting back to their regions via their respective regional organs
 - d. Take initiative and see that relevant issues are taken up by their regions and bringing them back to the Movement Group
 - e. Representing their region in the Movement Group to increase the awareness of their regions.
2. The **Core Group** is a servant leadership organ of the Movement Group and consists of members covering all regions. They are either proposed by their region or by the Core Group but need official confirmation through their respective regional associations. Although members are mandated by their regions, members do not represent them, which allows a global and free-movement perspective. Proposed members are first invited to participate freely at their first Core group meeting as a "guest member" before they are mutually confirmed.

To allow continuity, members usually commit themselves for at least one three year term. After three years, each member is reviewed through an internal assessment process by the Core Group which may confirm another three year term in consultation with the respective regional association. A representative for Social Therapy and Curative Education of the medical section of the Anthroposophical Society also has a seat.

Each Core Group member must have a solid interest and knowledge of the Camphill Movement as well as an understanding of current global trends in the fields relevant to Camphill's activities. Furthermore the Core Group members should possess the social, personal and methodological competencies required in order to be able to serve the mission and responsibility of the Movement Group. The Core Group team shares the various responsibilities and tasks and appoints a secretary, serving as a central contact person.

The Core Group's task is:

- a. Being aware and upholding the mission and responsibility of the Camphill Movement Group
- b. Planning the annual Movement Group meeting during the annual Core Group meeting, based on awareness of current trends and challenges of the Movement and beyond
- c. Leading, evaluating and reporting on the annual Movement Group meeting
- d. Providing continuity by keeping up communication and the flow of information with the delegates and the regions
- e. Creating and maintaining links to the other organs of Camphill (Inner Community and International Dialogue etc.) and to other initiatives.

D. Budget:

The Movement Group has no budget and depends entirely on the regions for hosting their meetings. Delegates and Core Group members receive financial support from their respective regions for travel, accommodation and conference fees, as well as some incidental costs. The regions may be asked to contribute financial support for those members whose capacity for funding is low.

Contact and Information:

Contact and further information can be obtained at (a separate web page is currently in development):

http://www.karl-koenig-institute.net/camphill_movement_worldwide.htm

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