



Being Human in the 21st Century

- A Camphill Sponsored Symposium -

Dinner / Introduction:

Tuesday, April 26, 5:30pm – 8pm

Dinner will be served at 5:30pm

A Camphill speaker will present an overview of the conference, speaking directly to the theme and then will briefly introduce speakers at 6:15pm.

There will be 3 speakers and each person will speak for 10 minutes beginning at 7pm.

This will be the time to introduce yourself and “prime the pump” or “warm up” for the roundtable session the next morning. Speakers should plan to speak directly to the theme.

Roundtable Discussion:

Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28, 9am to 10:30am

The roundtable discussion will have 6-8 speakers and two individuals from Camphill sitting together in a small circle, with larger concentric circles of participants sitting together around the speaker circle. The roundtable discussion will be supported by a skilled facilitator.

The discussion will be based on the theme “Being Human in the 21st Century.” The speakers will discuss this theme for the first 45 minutes. For the remaining time, the facilitator will open the discussion up to the larger group. This discussion will be used to inform the conversation groups that follow.

Conversation Group:

Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28, 11am to 12:30

There will be approximately 10 conversation groups with 15 people in each. Each conversation group will be supported by a skilled facilitator. The groups will be pre-selected by the symposium planning committee. Each participant will be involved in two conversation groups on each day. They will meet with the same group in the morning on Wednesday and Thursday and then with a different group in the afternoon on Wednesday and Thursday. The two conversation groups for each participant have been designed to have an initial discussion and then an evening to reflect before the second discussion on the next day. This is to create the greatest opportunity for reflection and new thinking.

One speaker will be scheduled to participate in one morning conversation group on each day. The afternoon conversation group is optional on Wednesday, April 27th (see more information below). On Thursday, April 28th, the speakers will prepare their public presentations during the scheduled afternoon conversation group.

Artistic Activity:

Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28, 2:30pm to 4:30

There will be several artistic activities to participate in during this time. More information to come.

Optional Tour or Conversation Group:

Wednesday, April 27, 4:30 to 5:30

Speakers may choose a tour of the local Camphill Communities or to participate in the afternoon conversation group.

Public Presentation:

Thursday, April 28, 7pm

Three speakers will be given 20 minutes each to present their thoughts and experiences of the previous two days. This presentation will be made available to the greater community.

These presentations will be used to inform and inspire the plenum scheduled for the following morning.

Plenum:

Friday, April 29, 9-11am

The plenum will have 6-8 speakers and two individuals from Camphill sitting with the participants in a large group. The Plenum will be supported by a skilled facilitator.

Each speaker will have the opportunity to provide a five minute "wrap up." After this time, all participants will be encouraged to contribute to the discussion.