



Being Human in the 21st Century
- A Camphill Sponsored Symposium -

Humanity has developed powerful forces of technological innovation, integrating policies, and ecological insight, yet today we face challenges unimaginable even decades ago. What is needed of us now?

The North American region of Camphill, a 70 year old worldwide movement, is celebrating its 50th anniversary on this continent. As part of that celebration, we are organizing a symposium for spring of 2011 with the theme, "***Being Human in the 21st Century - Toward New Thinking***". The symposium intends to bring together outstanding social thinkers, environmentalists, and other humane scientists as well as other active participants to share ***and create*** insights into what is needed to inspire and develop the best aspects of human nature and civilization.

To face the challenges that the 21st century holds for humanity, courage is needed: how do we find it in ourselves, and support others to find it? How can we find healing meaning in the endless conflicts between seeming opposites: right vs. wrong, poor vs. rich, abnormal vs. normal, science vs. religion, spirit vs. matter, capitalism vs. socialism, selfishness vs. selflessness, and so on?

Einstein indicated we needed other ways of thinking to solve the problems old thinking created; what are those other ways?

We have come to recognize that understanding the full and complex nature of the human being is central to facing this challenge. How can this understanding provide a basis for coming to grips with reality beyond the illusions that fragment our societies and can destroy humanity?

This small and concentrated symposium intends to emphasize conversation as a vehicle for developing insight. The format will include presentations, common artistic activity, roundtable discussions, and will culminate in a plenum to share what has developed by our meeting each other. The proceedings and results of this symposium will be published and distributed as widely as possible.

Camphill is a worldwide movement of over 100 intentional communities that specially address the needs of vulnerable people, our endangered earth, and the contemporary social fabric. Its communities base their work on the far-ranging insights of Rudolf Steiner.

We hope you will join us!



SYMPOSIUM DETAILS

- WHEN:** April 2011
The Symposium will begin on a Tuesday, will culminate in a large public presentation on Thursday night and will end with a plenum on Friday morning.
- WHERE:** Camphill Village Kimberton Hills
(<http://www.camphillkimberton.org/>)
- WHO:** 6-7 Named Presenters
12 Facilitators
150 Participants + those participating via webcast
- Thursday evening presentation with possibility of a larger audience.
- WHAT:** This symposium will attempt to create fruitful conversations among people dedicated to exploring the theme and developing new thinking. It is intended that through these conversations and artistic activity, the conference participants will contribute toward helpful engagement with problems of our time.
- We are requesting that our named presenters plan to participate in facilitated conversations and also present to the larger group at the end of the Symposium.
- Travel and accommodation costs will be covered, in addition to a modest honorarium.
- SPONSORS:** Camphill Association of North America
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