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Office: A Summary



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### **What are the purposes and activities of the Karl König Institute?**

The Institute carries legal and financial responsibility for the Literary Estate of Dr. Karl König, founder of the international Camphill Movement. The Karl König Archive comprises this literary estate.

The Institute is publishing a new Edition of König's Works in English and German and is facilitating translations into many other languages. It has recently published the 21<sup>st</sup> English volume of König's works.

The Institute also offers information from the Archive in response to the many requests for assistance that regularly come towards it.

The Institute offers lectures, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and written articles. Its contributions arising from the life and work of Karl König lead to collaborations with individuals and institutions worldwide. Its research collaborations (with individuals, universities and other institutions) and its written contributions and professional assistance (for books, magazines and web-based platforms) are impacting various areas of social work today.

The Institute's secondary tasks have to do with projects that bring enhanced cooperation with this circle of organizations and individuals. Many projects are short-term, while others lead to longer associations in the areas of pedagogy, bio-dynamic agriculture, forestry, environmental studies, social therapy and social initiatives internationally.

Two continuing long-term projects of the Institute are the Camphill Archive and the Kaspar Hauser Research Circle.

The Institute aims through its work to contribute to a renaissance of the Camphill spirit. It is enthusiastic about the broad networks of outreach and cooperation that result in the insights of Karl König and Camphill becoming a productive resource in facing the social and spiritual challenges of today. That the human and earthly future is influenced and often determined by how people look at history and can learn from its lessons – this we can all recognize. To this end, the Institute facilitates working situations and conversations that support Karl König's impulses in being of continued and meaningful service to the needs of our time.

### **The North American office of the Karl König Institute**

The Karl König Institute established a North American office at Michaelmas 2021, hosted at Camphill Soltane.

Three of the projects of the new North American office are:

- Living History: Video interviews will be conducted with people who experienced Karl König and the founding times of Camphill.
- Exhibitions of Karl König's illustrative drawings accompanying Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul: These exhibitions will take place in conference settings across North America and will include lectures and artistic offerings focused on how the Calendar of the Soul can be an aid in responding to the challenges facing humanity and the environment today.
- Audio books of Karl König's works: Offering this new recorded format will become another way of reaching young people, elders and people who are partially sighted, thereby expanding the audiences who can benefit from the light of consciousness that König brought.

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