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Dear “Village friends”, known and unknown!

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to our festival “A Dignified Life” in celebration of the 50th jubilee of the Camphill Village Trust in Norway. The festival will take place in Oslo from the 28th of September to the 2nd of October 2016.

The first village, Vidaråsen Landsby, was founded at Whitsun 1966. Four pioneers, aged between 40 and 50 years, wished to develop a village community where adults with special needs and “ordinary” people could share their lives. Lack of money was no hinder; motivated by their common ideals and strong determination, the village became reality. The authorities supported Vidaråsen from the start. A turning point economically was when the Oslo “Russ”, gymnasium finalists, decided to sell candles in support of Vidaråsen. This was the start of a yearly campaign by the Russ with the motto “Light a Candle for Vidaråsen”. During the following twenty years, they collected enough money to finance the building of a new house annually. At the same time, the impulse, carried by the pioneers and original villagers attracted many young people in search of a meaning in life, to join the life in the village.


The motto for the celebration is “A Dignified Life”, and is something much more than just a theme for a festival. It is village life in a nutshell. The three carrying pillars of village life are also part of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Self-determination - Equality - Inclusion. These ideals include everybody and are everyday challenges in village life.

In the course of this jubilee year, we wish to highlight aspects of village life. Several of the villages plan to celebrate locally. The high point of the year will be the Jubilee Festival. Villagers from Norway, the rest of the Northern Region, relatives and new and old friends will gather for a “Village Happening”. Our invitation also applies to those who are not yet acquainted with us. In the course of five days, we wish to co-create village life together with all our guests. You can choose whether you will attend the whole festival or just parts of it.

Welcome!

On behalf of the Village Trust of Norway

Rigmor Skålholt, Chairperson for Board of the Village Trust

Jubilee Festival: A Dignified Life!

The venue for the festival from Wednesday evening until Sunday morning will be Holmenkollen in Oslo. In the course of the last 50 years, we are many individuals who have contributed to the development of the villages to become what they are today. We hope that as many as possible will join us for these festive days, for common experience, togetherness and joy!

Fifty years have passed since the foundation of Vidaråsen. From the standpoint of 2016 and looking ahead into the future; what questions should Camphill Villages and society at large, ask? With the theme “A Dignified Life”, we endeavour to create a mirror to assist us in our query: “What do we mean with a dignified life?” In the course of our festival, we will endeavour to work with this theme from three different viewpoints, with three groups of guests and with three different approaches.

Michaelmas: Thursday

The celebration of Michaelmas on the 29th of September is a traditional autumn event in the villages. The day will be filled with lectures, song and music, there will be tests of courage (here one is challenged with tasks that demand courage) and to round off the day, there will be a “Flame-show” and traditional Norwegian ring dancing. Village friends and other people who are interested and live nearby are welcome to join.

Workshop/Seminar day: Friday

On Friday, we will arrange various workshops in cooperation with professionals from other fields of work. Here we will dive deeply into the values that are the village’s foundation. We will create an open dialogue with other people who also endeavour to create a “Dignified Life” for all individuals. Through working with this theme, we will try to see it from other people’s life perspective. In our working groups and courses, we will consider what challenges are coming from the future and how our villages can solve some of them. People living outside the villages as well as co-workers and villagers will lead the courses and lectures.

Market: Friday and Saturday

On Friday and Saturday there will be a market at Youngstorget in the centre of the city. Here we have the opportunity to meet the people of Oslo and convey our values through the sale of our high quality craft products. We will co-operate with local Biodynamic farms and the Biodynamic Association in Norway. This should be an exciting day at one of Oslo’s most traditional market and meeting places.
Karen Endsjø:

“For better or worse my life has been amazingly exciting despite having polio when I was only one year old. Unable to take part in any physical training at school and in further education, I nevertheless succeeded in winning a Paralympic Gold Medal in 1984 and other valuable medals in handicap sport. I cycled in tandem for twenty years in Norway and abroad and was one of the initiators in the building of the Cato Centre. I have worked at Beitostølen health-sports centre and now live and work at Casas Heddy in Lanzarote where I can “give of myself”. My polio has been the key that has opened many doors. I am now 73 years old and am still open for new possibilities”.

Wednesday the 28th of September

14.00 14:00 Arrival and registration at Holmenkollen Park Hotel
18.00 Light evening meal in the Gallery
20.00 Short evening gathering with welcome and information in Saga Hall

Common song, Norwegian ring dance and eurythmy performance.

Karen Endsjø: “Polio: A Companion, guide and door opener”


Thoughts about Michaelmas

Eurythmy performance by Camphill eurythmists

Break with coffee and tea

Karin Endsjø: “Polio: A Companion, guide and door opener”

Lars Vik: “The Art of Falling”

Lunch in the Gallery

Tests of courage: outside

Play

18.00 Dinner in the Hotel
20.00 “Fire magic with Stella Polaris”

Afterwards: Dance

Thursday the 29th of September

9.30 Start of the day in Saga Hall

10.00 Break with coffee and tea

10.30 Karin Endsjø: “Polio: A Companion, guide and door opener”

Lars Vik: “The Art of Falling”

13.00 Lunch in the Gallery

14.00 Tests of courage: outside

17.00 Play

18.00 Dinner in the Hotel

20.00 “Fire magic with Stella Polaris”

Afterwards: Dance

Stella Polaris

Merete Klinglen and Per Spildra Borg started Stella Polaris in 1985. Today Stella Polaris has a core group of eight people who are engaged in giving performances, courses and happenings. Their base is in Sandefjord in Vestfold and they work locally, nationally and internationally: www.stella-polaris.com

Stella Polaris take us back to a time filled with Jugglers, Story-tellers, Troubadours and Fakirs. With their own words: “We are boundless, healing, multicultural and spiritual. Life on earth is a fight. A fight fought in all the many parts of our being. Remember, therefore, that love is the power that heals and renews all life on earth”. Stella Polaris and the villages will arrange tests of courage. Instead of a treasure hunt, there will be a “Courage Hunt” along a path in the neighbourhood of Holmenkollen. Along the path will be different trials of courage.

Fire magic with Stella Polaris

We gather for a common unforgettable experience that can live on in our minds for a long time. A celebration in the darkness of autumn and a meeting with fire, fire that has given light and warmth through the immemorial ages of time.

The Art of falling with Lars Vik

Through his unusual and unceremonious action-filled contribution, Vik will introduce us to his greatest passion: To play theatre for children. The public make the acquaintance with his alter ego in the comical figure of Fritjof Fomlesen (Fritjof the Fumbler) and in the under-estimated and difficult art of “How to Fall”. Motto: “Cheer up other people and you cheer yourself up”. Web page: www.larsvik.no. Watch also more about his performance “Fritjof Fomlesen at your Service” during the group work on Friday at 11.30 am.
Hogganvik Orchestra
Monica Nicolaisdatter Haugen has conducted the orchestra at Hogganvik since 1998. She maintains that music is a craft and has published a book with the title “Circle Song” (2013) which describes her work with the orchestra.

Trondheimsveien 16
Both the music and members of Trondheimsveien 16 come from far and wide. With their enchanting melodies, they have a reputation for transforming any situation into a boiling witch’s cauldron of music. Forget time, place, and let your hair loose when Trondheimsveien plays up to dance.

Friday 30th of September
9.00 Registration

Short interlude

Cecilie Willoch: Vision and reality for people with mental disabilities seen from the perspective of their family: “How to support the development of a young person to a rewarding life- within and beyond the parameters of the Convention?”

Break with coffee and tea

Work groups (see under)

Lunch in the Gallery

Hogganvik Orchestra and common song

Village Meeting: Panel debate in the form of a village meeting: Chair: Rigmor Skålholt

Dinner in the Gallery

Dance with the band: Trondheimsveien 16

“Workshop Day”

Johan Tveit Sandvin
is a professor at NORD University in the Department of Social Studies. He is a Sociologist and he received his doctorate for his thesis “The turning point of the Welfare State”: an analysis of the reform for people with developmental retardation as an expression of transition in the Welfare State. Research into developmental retardation is one of his fields of interest.

Cecilie Willoch
 gave birth to her son Philip in 1992. In her lecture, she draws on her experience as parent and participant in the public debate about quality of life and prospects. In 2006 she was awarded the prize for “The Protection of Life” by The Federation for Human Dignity “for her engagement whereby she has highlighted the importance of seeing every human being as they are- unique: themselves. Cecilie Willochs’ voice is important in society with her message about equality”.

Rigmor Skålholt
is a former Co-worker of Vidaråsen and the villages in Trøndelag. Now she is the Chairperson for the Camphill Village Trust in Norway. She is part of the editorial group of the magazine LandsByLiv (Village and Town Life).
His inspiration for work is in the meeting between people and in nature. He shares his life with a group of young adults in Vidaråsen Landsby.

2 • To grow older with dignity
What does it mean to grow older on all levels? What is the meaning for you to age with dignity from the perspective of society and especially for people with mental disabilities? To illustrate the theme there will be examples from life in Vidaråsen Landsby, attitudes and practical solutions. Music as a key and bridge builder. The workshop will be guided by Regula Knup, nurse with additional qualification in anthroposophist nursing, rhythmic massage and Rose therapy. She has worked many years in different Camphill Villages in Norway. She has lived in Vidaråsen since 1988. Cecille Reed, diverse qualifications and with many years’ experience in alternative co-work at Wegman Care home in Vidaråsen Landsby since 2013.

3 • Meaningful Work
Why work? The group will discuss the meaning of work for everybody whatever age. The performance is created for everyone who comes, no matter competence. Here is the opportunity to experience rhythm, song or timbre, harmony and melody. The repertoire spans from Renaissance music to folk music from Norway and abroad.

4 • We expect Guests!
In a process of retelling and conversation, we will convey “meaningful work?” Workshop lead by: Cecille Willoch, bookworm. She works in the weavery and as cook. Photographs and occupies herself with handwork. She is a member of the editorial group of LandsByLiv. She has worked many years in Vidaråsen Landsby and given many years of achieving a worthy life?

5 • How to prepare oneself for life as an adult?
A characteristic of adolescence is the enormous changes and transition phases. What is required to support a young people with a diagnosis? In this workshop, the emphasis will be placed on forming your thoughts so that you can share them with other people, correct writing and grammar are of secondary importance. Elisabeth Husebo has worked in the Camphill Movement in Norway and the United Kingdom since the end of the seventies. She now lives in Hogganvik Landsby. She is a member of the editorial group of LandsByLiv.

6 • To be oneself with a diagnosis.
In a process of retelling and conversation, we will convey how “to be yourself despite having a diagnosis”. We will warm up with games to become acquainted with each other before we begin our conversation about life with Asperger Syndrome. Mari Borgfjord has lived in Jøssåsen since 2013. She has worked many years in Vidaråsen Landsby and given many years of experience in preparing guest rooms. She is a co-worker in Vidaråsen Landsby.

7 • Rhythms in the course of the year and in festivals.
Using speech and movement, we will approach our connection to nature and to the moods and questions that arise in ourselves. Kirsti Hills-Johnes worked as co-worker in Camphill in Scotland, Germany, Russia and Norway. She has lived in Vidaråsen since 1974 mainly as house co-ordinator, as teacher and in the cultural life of the village. Simone Wantz (Swiss born) is eurythmist and therapist. She has worked many years in Vidaråsen Landsby and given Eurythmy courses in the villages in Norway. She works now with therapy and salutogenesis. She has a Master of Arts in eurythmy therapy.

8 • From thought to text- creative writing workshop.
In this workshop, the emphasis will be placed on music to folk music from Norway and abroad.

9 • Collage: paper art
Karen Nesheim was born and bred in Säo Paulo. For many years, he was a member of the folkdance ensemble Feteirae in Kassel, Germany. Presently he is a co-worker in Vidaråsen Landsby.

10 • Eurythmy
Karen Nesheim studied eurythmy in Vienna. She has lived over 40 years in different Camphill Villages in Norway. She has always done eurythmy in addition to many other daily tasks. Lately she has concentrated on individual curative eurythmy sessions.

11 • Dance, Europe!
A performance about an ordinary day in the little Aid Service office of Mr. Fomlesen. Also, the good-natured and, slack, very helpless man, is the one who needs most help, and he usually gets it. Clumsy, slapstick comedy and craziness for everybody whatever age. The performance is created and performed by Lars Vik from The Grenland Free theatre, Os. Armin Kollert was born and bred in Säo Paulo. For many years, he was a member of the folkdance ensemble Feteirae in Kassel, Germany. Presently he is a co-worker in Vidaråsen Landsby.
Market days at Youngstorget

Friday 30th of September 11.00 am to 5pm
Saturday 1st of October 10.00 am to 5 pm

The Camphill villages in Norway will co-operate with the rest of the Northern Region (Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia and Russia) as well as ØKOUKA (the organic organisation) and the Biodynamic Society. Together they will introduce themselves for the public with a market on Youngstorget.

Here it will be possible to purchase craftwork, biodynamic fruit, vegetables and dairy products. There will be sale of refreshments as well as artistic performances, exhibitions and information. We hope to front our distinctive movement with its ecological profile in the townscape through the sale of tasty and sustainable products.

We wish to emphasize Diversity and Equality! How can one create in practice a living and inclusive environment where crafts and work are vital values.
Excursions on Saturday

From approximately 1pm. Registration and payment during the festival.

Bygdøy Kongsgård og gartneri
Bygdøy Kongsgård is an organic farm managed by the Norwegian Folkemuseum. The site of the farm is unique, laying as it does centrally in Oslo on the island Bygdøy. It has 60 dairy cattle, about 90 calves, 30 sheep and 9 ponies. The farm has Oslo’s largest production of organic milk and demonstrates both modern and historical agriculture. On the farm, there are also pigs of an old Norwegian breed, Canadian mini-pigs, a variety of poultry breeds and “Tønder” rabbits. The garden is in the process of being established and when it is completed, contribute to the natural cycle at Bygdøy Kongsgård. The aim of the garden is to be an urban agricultural centre that offers courses, seminars and gardening articles that are for ecological/organic gardening and agriculture in general. The place will be run by gardeners, agriculturists, people receiving work training organised by Unikum. In addition, there will be trainees, apprentices and cooks. There is planned a café, greenhouse, shop, offices and a processing plant for liquid manure from the cows.

Fram Museum on Bygdøy
Fram is the world’s strongest wooden boat and has sailed furthest north and south. At the Fram museum, one can go on board to see how the crew and their dogs lived in the coldest and most dangerous places in the Arctic and Antarctica.

Vigelands Park
Vigelands Park is one of Norway’s most visited attractions with more than one million visitors each year. Frogner Park together with the Sculpture Park are popular venues for the town’s inhabitants. There are over 200 sculptures made by Gustav Vigeland (1869-1943). Including the famous statues such as Sinnataggen (“furious kid”) Monolith and the Wheel of Life. Vigeland designed the park—a monumental artistic creation with a very human touch.

Boat trip on the Oslo Fjord
The boat trip, arranged by Oslofjord Sightseeing, will sail past Akershus festning (fortress), the Norwegian Opera House. The cruise goes past the fjords most scenic places with summer-houses and cabins.

The Opera House
Guided tour of the Opera. Here one gains an insight into some of the opera’s many rooms and activities behind the scene before a performance. A visit to the main stage, costume workshop or scenery workshop may be included. Information about the architecture of the building plus stage technology, opera and ballet are included. There will be a lot of walking! The guided tour is in English and lasts for approx. 50 minutes.

Frogner-seteren
On a sunny day, the panorama from Frognerseteren over the town and fjord is incredible. In addition, the hot chocolate and fantastic apple cake are famous. Frognerseteren is a short walk from Holmenkollen Hotel.

Per Fugelli
is a Norwegian doctor and professor in Social Medicine at the University in Oslo. Recognised for his active participation in debates about society, and since the early 90s he has taken part in many debates on Television and Radio. Fugelli was a member of the steering group for the Value Commission. An important focus of his research work is concentrated on how power and profit (benefits) in society influence people’s health. This does not only apply to economic power and benefits but also about the sharing of values like safety, freedom and human dignity.

Saturday 1st of October

10.00 Per Fugelli: “The Elements of Life. I wish to create curiosity about the sources of life: dignity, space/leeway in our own lives, a sense of belonging, meaning and balance”.

11.30 Departure to the market and lunch at Youngstorget.

14.00 Time for excursions and exhibitions.

19.00 Festive dinner at Saga Hall

Entertainment during dinner
Community: A dignified Life

Sunday the 2nd of October

1.00  Festival choir. Michaelmas songs from the Michaelmas play written by Karl König

Lars Åke Karlsson: “What is Community?”

Short break/interlude

11.00  Christian Egge in conversation with Bente Edlund:

They discuss elements from his book project: A Dignified Life. About the village Vidaråsen and Camphill Movement in Norway. Planned date of publication is January 2017. It is primarily based on conversations with residents with special needs, their families, co-workers and their children, couples, neighbours, friends and protectors of the Camphill Movement as well as politicians.

12.30  Lunch

End of the Festival and departure

Lars Åke Karlsson
Lars Åke Karlsson is a pensioned Finish Christian Community priest and is well acquainted with the Camp-hill Movement. Previously, he was a UN officer and served in the Middle East, in Cyprus and in the Congo.

Christian Egge
The Village Trust has commissioned Christian Egge to write a book “A Dignified Life” about the village Vidaråsen and the Camphill Movement in Norway. He has published Frihetens Vilkår (conditions necessary for freedom). ”Conversations on the value of a multicultural society”. (Flux 2007), and ”A Living Economy” (Flux 2011) He is Magister in Philosophy, Stockholm University and was a teacher at the Rudolf Steiner seminar in Järna, Sweden. He was project leader for the Forum for Development and Environment (ForUM) both before and during Rio+20. Educational advisor for the Mind & Life Institute, www.mindandlife.org.

Bente Edlund
She is responsible for the Social-education Bachelor programme at the Steiner College in Oslo. She has studied curative education in Switzerland and Germany and has studied Special Education (spesialpedagogikk) at Oslo University. In 2010, she published the book “Islands of Culture” (Kulturøyer); the book describes Anthroposophical work with people with special needs, based on her Doctors thesis in special/curative education.

The Festival will be at Scandic Holmen-kollen Park Hotel

The hotel has a tradition from 1894 and offers a panoramic view over Oslo and the Oslo Fjord. Address: Kongeveien 26, Oslo. To get there: take the T-banen (underground), Number 1 named Frognerstetter, to Holmen-kollen. Follow the signs to Holmenkollen Skisrena, about 10 minutes’ walk. Web page: www.holmenkollenparkhotel.no

Registration on arrival at the reception desk also for workshops and excursions. Information about activities and their location will also be available.

Jubilee celebrations throughout 2016

Celebration of the 50 years jubilee of the Camphill Village Trust in Norway will be marked throughout the year. Vidaråsen Landsby will celebrate with invited guests during the Whitsun weekend. Thursday the 15th of September at 7.30 pm: A Dignified Life: resilience in vulnerability Venue: Litteraturhuset in Oslo, Amalia Skram Salen in Oslo. An evening dedicated to Professor Nils Christie and the villages. Introduction by Kirsti Hills-Johnes, Dag Haarseth and Karen Paus. During the course of the year, there will be celebrations in the other Camphill places. For more information see: www.jubileum.camphill.no.

Jubilee Committee
The committee has the following members: Rigmor Skålholt, Dag Balavoine, Simone Wanzt, Frank Schmiermann, Kirsti Hills-Johnes, Will Browne, Birgit Hammer, Sabine Eitel and Ruben Khachatryan. Co-ordinator: Tinken Laurantzon.
Registration

A Festival to celebrate the 50 years Jubilee of Camphill Villages in Norway. 28th of September to 2nd of October 2016 at Scandic Holmenkollen Park Hotel, Oslo

Registration deadline for accommodation at the hotel is 30th of June. Please use the registration form on the web page: www.jubileum.camphill.no. Questions about the festival contact either by email to: jubileum@camphill.no or ring with Tinken Laurantzøn: 00 47 95153844

Group Registration: Camphill places: contact Frank Schmiemann at the central office: telephone number: 00 47 7397860, email: jubileum@camphill.no

Registration (use BLOCK LETTERS)

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Accommodation single nights

Number of nights at Scandic Holmenkollen Park Hotel:
I wish to sleep the following night(s) from: ......................... to: .............................. Total: .......... nights.

Room:
☐ Single room per night, breakfast included (NOK 990)
☐ Double room per night, breakfast included (NOK 645 per person)

Dietary needs (If applicable.)

☐ Can eat everything
☐ Vegetarian (no meat of fish)
☐ Vegetarian (no meat)
☐ Vegan

Allergy/ intolerances/ special requirements:
I cannot eat the following: .....................................................

Partial attendance:

Michaelmas celebration: I wish to take part in the Michael celebration Thursday the 29th of September:
☐ Inclusive Dinner and Lunch (NOK 900)
☐ Inclusive Lunch only (NOK 500)
☐ Inclusive dinner only (NOK 750)
☐ Attend but no meals (NOK 400)

“Workshop Day”
☐ Alternatives for Workshop Day Friday the 30th of September
Single person: NOK 750, lunch included.
☐ Family (max. 3 family members): NOK 1000

Anniversary dinner
☐ I only want to attend the banquet on Saturday (kr. 890, -).

Single lecture
Lectures on Saturday and Sunday morning are open to all (NOK 100, -) Payment at the door.

Attendance at the whole Festival:

Attend the whole festival including 4 nights with full accommodation. Tick off as appropriate:
☐ I will pay the whole price (NOK 5000)
☐ I come from a place in the Camphill Northern Region or from a curative centre in Norway (NOK 4000)
I wish to sleep in a: ☐ Single room ☐ Double room
Double room: With whom can you share?
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☐ I do not need accommodation but would like full board (NOK 2000)