

The subject of this paper is Camphill movement and the approach towards people with special needs, a holistic approach towards care as a curative and educational process in the daily life of a community. The first part of this paper focuses on the foundation of the first Camphill community, which serves as a model to all the other Camphill communities built in the following years until present day. It explains the philosophy of Camphill movement, its principles and ethos. This paper also deals with the clients and co-workers, the inner structure of community life in Camphill, including the important role of a ritual in the daily life of a community. It looks at the different therapies available to clients in Camphill and also briefly describes some of the economical aspects, administration and management side of Camphill as an international organisation. The last part of this paper is a contemplation on the relationship between a client and a therapist and the ways in which this essential interaction translates into the life of a Camphill community. Finally, the evaluation suggestions in the form of an unstructured inventory of topics and issues currently perceived as controversial.