

Karl König – A Biographic Synopsis

September 25th 1902 birth at Rotensterngasse 4 in Vienna's 2nd District, the only child of Aron Ber (Adolf) and Bertha König (née Fischer)

February 21st 1910 the family moves to Glockengasse 1, Vienna 2, to the house where the family business was – the shoe shop.

July 1920 School Graduation

1920 - 1921 Studies of Latin, mathematics, botany and zoology in Vienna

November 1921 Latin examination, giving access to the medical faculty

1921 - 1927 Medical studies an der University of Vienna (Doctorate - M.D. - April 1927)

1921 - 1924 Demonstrator (Assistant) at the "Embryological Institute of Viennna" and first publications about the efficacy of substances after homeopathic dilution

March 23rd 1925 Membership in the Anthroposophical Society

November 1927 - September 1928 Assistant with Dr. Ita Wegman at the Klinik, Arlesheim and at the curative home "Sonnenhof". Courses for doctors and therapists

July 1928: First journey to England (with Ita Wegman) and lecture at the "World Conference on Spiritual Science and its Practical Applications" in London

September 1928 - 1936 Co-founding, development and leadership of Schloss Pilgramshain in Silesia, one of the early anthroposophic centres for curative education. Extensive medical work and lecture tours in Germany, Bohemia and Austria

1929 The "old youth group" begins in Vienna: Hans Schauder, Rudi Lissau, Alex Baum, Sali Gerstler (later Barbara Lipsker), Trude Blau (later Amman), Edy Weisberg, Bronja Hüttner, Liesel Schwalb (later Schauder) and others

May 5th 1929 Marriage to Mathilde ("Tilla") Elisabeth Maasberg (1902 – 1983),

The first three children are born in Pilgramshain: Renate 3.12. 30, Christoph 8.2. 33, Andreas 23.7. 35, Veronika is born in Vienna, 14.3. 37

Whitsun 1932 Founding of the „Free School for Social Work“ in Eisenach (together with Hilmar von Hinüber, Gertrud Spörri and Emil Bock)

March 1936 Karl König and his family moves back to Vienna (via Prague, where he holds courses for physicians and teachers), first (March 9th - April 20th) with his parents at Glockengasse

April 20th 1936 Relocation to Anastasius Grüngasse 49, Vienna 18. (Apartment and practice)

Autumn 1936 Karl König begins to hold regular lectures for his patients ...*because medicine alone is not enough*...., This soon leads to a „new youth group“. Rudi Lissau and his friends from the "old youth group" were invited, but now also Peter Roth, Thomas Weihs, Alix Roth, Carlo Pietzner and others join them

March 11th 1938 The "Anschluss" of Austria to the German Reich. On the same evening the youth group meets for the last time and the promise is made to meet somewhere to realize their ideals of community

May 1st 1938 Relocation to Hasenauerstrasse 21, Vienna 18 (until 2.8.1938), the plan was to start the practice there also, but this did not come about

August 14th 1938 Flees via Italy, Switzerland and France, leaving Tilla with the children with her parents in Silesia

November 12th 1938 Receives an entry permit for England

December 8th 1938 Arrival in London where he spends Christmas

March 30th 1939 Anke Weihs, Alix Roth and Tilla König move into Kirkton House near Inch in Scotland; Karl König and Peter Roth follow a few days later

May 28th 1939 **Whitmonday** Official opening of Kirkton House

May 12th 1940 **Whitsunday** The married men, Karl König, Thomas Weihs, Peter Roth, Hans Schauder and Rudi Lissau, are interned as "Enemy Aliens" on the Isle of Man, the unmarried men, Alex Baum, Willi Amman and Hugo Frischauer are taken to Canada (Carlo Pietzner also)

June 1st 1940 The women move with the children to Camphill House near Aberdeen

October 3rd 1940 Karl König is set free

August 30th 1941 The first "Bible Evening" is celebrated in Camphill

July / August 1945 The first open medical conference in Camphill (with over 80 participants)

October 1947 Begin of "St. John's School" in Murtle (The official opening was performed by Karl Schubert on October 12th + 13th 1948)

October-November 1948 First lecture tour in Holland

October 3rd 1949 Begin of the "Camphill Seminar" (for Curative Education)

April 1950 First post-war lecture tour in Germany, followed by numerous trips to Germany, Switzerland and Austria until March 1966, giving talks, seminars and seeing children

March - April 1952 First lecture tour in Scandinavia (continued in September und November)

February - March 1953 First lecture tour in Northern Ireland, leading to the founding of the Camphill School Glenraig, near Belfast

February 1954 Another trip to Scandinavia, opening the Curative Home "Helgeseter" near Bergen which, however did not belong to the Camphill Movement very long. It was not until 1966 that the Village Community "Vidaråsen" started

1954/55 Serious heart condition. König confines himself to writing, the prognosis being negative

September 1955 Founding of the first Camphill Village Community in Botton, Yorkshire

February - May 1957 First lecture tour in South Africa

July - October 1960 First lecture tour in the USA und Canada

March - May 1961 Second trip to South Africa

Juli - August 1962 Second trip to the USA and Canada

September 8th and 9th 1962 Begin of the Camphill Nurses Training

September 20th 1962 Opening of Camphill Hall in Murtle Estate, Aberdeen

October 27th 1963 Receives the medal "Tutzingen Sterns" in gold from the International Association for Humanity and Philanthropy

March 1964 Move from Scotland to the Camphill School Brachenreuthe which had been founded in 1958 at the Lake of Constance, Germany

May 1964 Official opening of Camphill School Community Föhrenbühl. After this a 7 week lecture tour through Germany and to Vienna started

August / September 1964 Die letzte Reise nach Osten - nach The last journey to the East; Prague, Karlsbad and Karlstein castle

September 25th 1965 On his last birthday on earth Karl König opened the first Camphill Village in Germany - Lehenhof

December 1965 - February 1966 Last visit in Scotland

März 1966 Last series of lectures, in Wiesbaden, Mainz, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Pforzheim; then an Embryology-course in Freiburg and visit in Arlesheim and Dornach for the last in a row of important talks with the Council of the Anthroposophical Society

March 17th 1966 Karl König's last lecture – given in Brachenreuthe

March 27th 1966 Death in hospital, Überlingen on the Lake of Constance