

LIVING SOCIAL ART



When Richard Steel reached out to ask whether I thought it worthwhile to publish a book on Carlo Pietzner's life and work—under the title «Living Social Art»—to mark the 40th anniversary of his death in April 1986, my answer was an immediate and wholehearted yes.

Though several of Carlo's lectures, his novel (in German), and various poems have been published over the years, there has never been a single volume that gathers the full breadth of his artistic and cultural contributions. With the support of

Temple Lodge Press and an introduction by Virginia Sease, a former colleague of Carlo's, we've begun the process of bringing this vision to life. The book will include family photographs, a selection of his paintings and stained glass works, plays, poems, and several of his lectures—each still remarkably relevant and resonant today.

This publication is meant firstly for those who knew Carlo personally, for the Camphill communities he so deeply influenced, and for members and friends of the wider anthroposophical movement where he was an active and shaping force for decades.

On a personal note, this project has been both moving and meaningful. It offers an opportunity to distill the extraordinary scope of Carlo's inner and outer journey into roughly 245 pages—an international life that began in Vienna and eventually took root in North America. For me, it has also been a chance to see him anew: not only as a father who shaped my early life, but increasingly, over the years, as a mentor and companion in spirit.

It's a true joy to help bring this book into being. I believe it will speak to many—evoking memories for some, offering insight and inspiration for others, and introducing yet others to a remarkable individual: a modern artist and thinker, fundamentally engaged in the founding impulses of Camphill, shaped by the cultural atmosphere of early 20th-century Europe, and deeply at home in the wider world.

Living Social Art: «The Life and Work of Carlo Pietzner» will be published in March 2026 with Temple Lodge Books. We look forward to sharing it with you!

You can also pre-order now!

Cornelius Pietzner