

## **RESIDENT ADMISSIONS CRITERIA v1**

The most important criteria for those who live in Camphill communities are:

- That the person wishes to be part of a mutually supportive life sharing community.
- That their wish is shared by other members of the community.
- That the particular individual needs of the person can be met within the context of the community.

Within that general outline there are more specific guidelines for eligibility:

- In most cases an adult will be at least 21 years of age and is unlikely to join over the age of 50. This is particularly so if the person is joining Camphill for the first time.
- Young people joining from abroad will have a reasonable command of the English language which will allow them to participate in conversation, understand instructions and ask questions. They will be supported by a social services department in Britain.
- Many adults will have a learning disability or other special needs which fall within that broad category, e.g. autistic spectrum disorders, perinatal brain damage, slow learning, poor memory, language disorders, Downs syndrome, or one of many other specific, related syndromes. Some people may have some degree of physical or sensory disability – sight or hearing impairment, dyspraxia, hemiplegia, mild cerebral palsy.
- Some people may have an associated medical condition e.g. epilepsy.
- The community cannot accept people who require awake night time care/supervision, or who need physical or nursing care greater than that which can be offered by the District Nurses Team.
- The community is not able to include people with mental illness, with addiction to drugs or alcohol, who are violent towards other people, or who are destructive of property.
- Anyone wishing to join the community must be willing to live with co-worker children and conduct themselves in a manner which is appropriate for, and respectful of, such children.

- The road outside Orchard Leigh is a hazard. Orchard Leigh cannot accept people who might be at risk through ignoring risk assessments made in this regard.
- Every adult in the community is expected to participate in a programme of meaningful day activities. This may include paid employment, voluntary work in the area, work in our houses, gardens or workshops, participation in courses at one or other of the local colleges. It follows, therefore, that anyone joining the community will have the capacity and the willingness to contribute to such activities.
- Everyone who lives in our houses shares responsibility for the domestic chores in the house. Again it follows that people will have the willingness to do that.
- As a life sharing community each adult will contribute to the practical, social and cultural life of the community, will participate in the decision-making and in taking responsibility for the consequences of those decisions.
- Many people will need support to enable them to engage in some or all of these activities. The working together to achieve the aims of the community and to assist in the personal development of each individual is an important aspect of our lives, in which each person is asked to share, to the best of his or her ability.
- The community does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of colour, gender, race, age or sexual orientation.

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