



Concept Paper – Social Therapy Working Group

Mandate

The Social Therapy Working Group (STAG) is an organ of the Curative Education and Social Therapy Council (Dornach). As such, it is affiliated with the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science at the Goetheanum.

Its primary mandate is:

- Perception of the international movement for anthroposophic social therapy and awareness for its developments, problems, challenges, questions and concerns;
- Networking and collaboration with the Council and with relevant groups and organs in social therapy;
- Work on social therapeutic questions.

The following tasks arise from this mandate:

- Professional and anthroposophic spiritual scientific work on foundational principles;
- Work on current questions, concerns and topics in anthroposophic social therapy;
- Ensuring the flow of information between STAG, Council, countries and fields of work;
- Developing, organizing and evaluating professional conferences, symposia and professional development workshops, as needed;
- Publication and availability as speakers;
- Dialogue with academic special education, other professional disciplines and relevant developments in society.

Ways of working

Unless a different agreement has been made, the STAG works in the following way:

Meetings:

- As a rule, the STAG meets twice a year for three to four days each.
- Meetings with a focus on 'perceiving' alternate with meetings focused on working on professional themes and concepts.
- Whenever the focus is on perceiving a region, area or field of work, the STAG attempts to meet at the respective location.
- Whenever possible, decisions are made in meetings by consensus after thorough consideration and discussion.
- Internal minutes are taken. If these are to be passed on to others, they must be redacted to meet data protection requirements.
- Any member may invite a guest to a meeting, provided the other members agree to this. Consent must be gained well in advance.
- Two members of the STAG are mandated with coordination functions. They are responsible for preparation, coordination, facilitation and follow-up of meetings. They should also make sure that the guidelines in this concept paper are followed. Their mandate can be terminated at any time.

Membership

- The members of the STAG should represent the various areas of expertise, fields of work, regions and the Council.
- A member of the Leadership Team of the Council serves as an ex officio member of the STAG.
- New members are coopted. They are considered guests for two meetings.
- Participation in meetings is obligatory.
- Members arrange their own funding for participation.

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