

Consultation on petition P-03-262 Wales Peace Institute
Response from Stella Westmacott

P-03-262 Academi Heddwch Cymru / Wales Peace Institute

I wish to make submissions in relation to the following petition:-

'We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to investigate the potential for and practicality of Wales having a Peace Institute concerned with Peace and Human Rights, comparable with those supported by state governments in Flanders, Catalonia and elsewhere in Europe.'

1. I feel the action called for is both reasonable and feasible.
2. I believe it is very important to have a Peace Institute in Wales for Peace and Human Rights issues .Many countries have such an Institute and there appears to be no good reason why Wales cannot or should not have one.
3. I think a Wales Peace Institute should be an independent body and its terms of reference should be to actively promote peace and human rights in Wales and Internationally. This would include research, education, training, observation, mediation and transformation of conflicts.
4. The only possible barrier to establishing a Peace Institute in Wales at present is funding but the petition is asking for investigation of the potential and practicality of such a Peace Institute. The issue of funding could be considered as part of the investigation.
5. In conclusion I am fully supportive of the petition.

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