PET(4) WPI 24 Petitions Committee

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

To whom it may concern,

Please add **Peace Mala** to your list of supporters for the establishment of a body to be know as **Academi Heddwch Cymru - Wales Peace Institute.** The establishment of such a body will fit perfectly with the work and vision of Peace Mala.

Peace Mala is an award winning educational project for peace that began in 2001, in response to the racial and religious bullying of youngsters that came out of the 9/11 aftermath. The project was launched by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2002 at the UNA Wales Temple of Peace Cardiff and works to empower and educate everyone by using creative and innovative approaches to key issues and educational concepts. Peace Mala is especially focused on global youth work, human rights and inter-faith dialogue for peace.

Numerous schools, youth groups and community groups across the UK and beyond have engaged with Peace Mala. We are also witnessing a growing number who are achieving our new initiative of Peace Mala Accreditation. This is particularly exciting. Trafford Education Authority in Manchester is so impressed with the project that units for primary and secondary education have been placed in the new Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

Peace Mala is a non political and non religious registered charity based in Swansea, Wales, UK. We have many high profile supporters including His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Dr Rowan Williams Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Dr Barry Morgan Archbishop of Wales and Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor.

Peace Mala has been recognised as a youth project of excellent practice by the Interfaith Network for the UK in their 'Connect- Different Faiths Shared Values' booklet. Other Awards includeThe Prince's Trust Millennium Award, the Co-op Community Dividend Award, the Carmarthenshire Police Community Challenge Award, the Childline Cymru CHIPS Friendship and Respect Award, CEWC Cymru 'Right -On' National Competition to promote Human Rights - 1st Prize, Awards for All Wales, CDF (Community Development Foundation), Corus Steel CPP Trostre Works Community Award and a Lemos & Crane National Youth Award.

With all good wishes and every blessing,

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PAM EVANS Founder of Peace Mala On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all supporters of Peace Mala