

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

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The Petitions Committee  
Cardiff Bay  
CARDIFF  
CF99 1NA

Dear Madam/Sir,

PEACE INSTITUTE

I am writing to you in order to declare my support for the notion of having a Peace Institute in Wales.

Why?

\*We have not met the targets set by the United Nations (U.N.) in 1948.

“Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person”; 63 years later, the world is a long way from realising this right.

To ensure life, liberty and security, we must have peace.

Disputes cause wars. At present, we are denuding humanity of money, people, energy and talent by spending on weapons and wars. The money that is spent by the Governments of the world on weapons and armed forces should be used to promote peace. According to the Brandt Report (1980), “More arms do not make mankind safer, only poorer.” Thirty-one years later, we are without peace.

\*A Peace Institute would work to demonstrate how to meet the U.N. targets by advising our Government in Cardiff Bay to follow a different path and to challenge the current global situation.

\*We, the Welsh, could take pride in leading through peace rather than through war.

Sincerely,

Mari Hobbs