

Consultation on petition P-03-262 Wales Peace Institute
Response from the Reverend Dr Owen E. Evans

From
The Reverend Dr Owen E Evans

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Dear Committee,

As a member of the international *Fellowship of Reconciliation* for more than 70 years, and as a former president of the Welsh branch of this organisation, the *Fellowship of Reconciliation in Wales*, I was delighted to hear that the Petitions Committee has decided to undertake a consultation on suggestions that were made in a petition submitted to the National Assembly, asking it to establish a peace institute for Wales, and that the committee is inviting comments from individuals, groups and organisations on the petition topic.

I am sending this note to convey my wholehearted support for the petition in question, and my great desire to see our National Assembly sustaining and promoting—in our twenty-first century world—the commendable tradition of evidence and activity relating to world peace, social justice and human rights that has characterised the Welsh nation in past generations. Establishing a peace institute along the lines envisaged by the petition would provide valuable support in bringing pressure to bear on the Assembly and offering leadership to it in respect of adopting policies that would promote the causes of peace and justice.

An institute of this kind would develop into a forum for bringing together representatives of all of the political parties and the various governing, religious, cultural and educational bodies in our nation, in order to engage in discussion and to find ways to develop policies that would promote humanitarian, just and conciliatory causes in a world full of rioting, friction, violence, oppression and injustice of every kind, as well as terrible suffering for the millions of poor and underprivileged people across what we describe as the ‘third world’.

Sincerely,
Owen E. Evans