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Consultation on petition P-03-262 Wales Peace Institute Response from H. Jordan

Dear Friends,

I enclose a contribution to the consultation: Academi Heddwch Cymru/Wales Peace Institute. I am uncertain if you have received it or if it was just sent to us here at CND Cymru. I would appreciate it if you could submit it for us.

Many thanks, Jill

Jill Gough Ysgifennydd Cenedlaethol National Secretary CND Cymru

Subject: Wales Peace Academy

(Written on behalf of Ms. Heather Jordan)
As a Wales CND member I write this for submission to the Petitions Committee.

I view the proposal for a Peace Institute in Wales as a very positive first step: it would, I'm convinced, act as a forum for the expression of views supportive of peace and the abolition of the evil of militarism across Wales. It would be (should be) a means of education for those people that activists can so far reach of the absolute essential of peace world-wide, not only humanitarian grounds but also due to the obscene waste of money concerned in war materials, especially nuclear weapons.

The Institute should be set up in such a way as to give preponderance to civilians elected by their communities, and then be answerable to them, so that should any fail to consistently argue the case for peace in discussions with and submissions to publications at any level , they would be recalled and replaced. As to terms of reference, these should be unequivocally clear that its members are bound at all times to put forward the case both economically and humanitarian for the abolition of weapons of war of all types on a world-wide basis but especially to rid Wales of all nuclear weapons as speedily as possible and to destroy the means of replacing them. The potential barriers are obvious. The central governments absurd obsession with 'Great Power Status' which they stupidly correlate with nuclear weapons (which can never be used without mutual suicide) and the lobbying power of these weapons manufacturers (merchants of death!).

I trust this viewpoint will be that of the majority of your correspondents. Sincerely,

H. Jordan



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