

**PET(4) WPI 42
Petitions Committee**

**Consultation on petition P-03-262 Wales Peace Institute
Response from Higher Education Wales**



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Dear Abigail

Consultation: P-03-262 Peace Institute for Wales

Thank you for your letter relating to the petition that you have received on the subject of establishing a Peace Institute for Wales.

Higher Education Wales believes that there is a wealth of knowledge and experience in our universities that relates to this subject and indeed can make the connections with our culture and history. I understand that the petitioners are particularly keen in the research aspects and academic freedom that an Institute such as this could engage in – both of these themes are already embedded and held in high regard within universities in Wales.

It is with this in mind that I would consider the establishment of a Peace Institute inappropriate for Wales at this time.

Yours sincerely

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