

Consultation on petition P-03-262 Wales Peace Institute  
Response from Norbert X Mbu-Mputu

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I would like to add some comments and contributions about the proposal for Wales to have a Peace Institute.

I come from Congo (DRC) and I am running in Newport the Congo-Wales Links projet funded by Heritage Lottery Fund. Not only we discovered and learned about Henry Morton Stanley, the Welsh famous african explorer of Congo, but more important about two others people who were living in Wales who made positive impact in African and Congo history: the reverend William Hughes and his Congo and African Institute of Wales (1890-1911) and based in Colwyn Bay and Edmund Dene Morel based in Hawardeen and his "Cong Reform Association" who campained and won the battle against the Leopold II atrocities in Congo. So, taking in account those history lesson, I beleive that it is important for Wales to play an important game in Peace process. Looking and going in many meeting in London, it seems in my view that most of the peace approaches are making a big mistake of being thinking from a very large and macro system point of view and they are not helping and taking in account poor and small people in the grand. Wales could contribute, not in challenging important and big organisation, but, as Wales Africa is doing now with projects, to help and to assist communities to become peace makers. This institute could also train people to understand some important conflits and to speak about some of the approaches never take in account by high profiles individuals.

I am backing the idea and I am more then happy to contribute with any kind of involvement.

Thank you.

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