

Cross-Party Group on Human Rights & Peace

Minutes of AGM, February 25, 2015

Media briefing room, Senedd, 12.30pm

Present

- Bethan Jenkins AM
- Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM
- Martin Pollard, Welsh Centre for International Affairs
- Craig Owen, Welsh Centre for International Affairs
- Judith Nubold, Welsh Centre for International Affairs
- Sophie Haywood, AMSS Julie Morgan AM
- Jane Harries

1. Elect a chair

Bethan Jenkins AM was nominated, seconded and elected as chair for the Cross-Party Group on Human Rights & Peace for 2015-16.

2. Elect a secretary

Craig Owen was nominated, seconded and elected as secretary for the Cross-Party Group on Human Rights & Peace for 2015-16.

3. Agree to submit an annual report following the meeting

This was agreed. Annual report will be submitted separately.

4. Discuss the group's next step

- There was a discussion about the learning strategy of the Wales peace project, and how that might be promoted to AMs;
- There was a suggestion that the group could focus on immigration and multiculturalism, specifically in supporting schools to identify and counter radicalism;

- The secretary proposed he draft a programme of ideas (such as guest speakers – one that was suggested was a restorer of buildings in Nablus, Palestine) that all members of the group can add to;
- There was some discussion about how the four-year Wales for Peace project could be a part of the group's work, and how the cross-party group could provide a platform for other groups involved in this field;
- It was suggested that the way Welsh universities could relate to the Wales Peace Academy should be explored;
- It was suggested that there could be a piece of work relating to the strategic aims of the Welsh Government and how they have regard to peace issues, such as they do regarding procurement and other issues;
- It was suggested that the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill be examined to see how peace matter could be considered in any supplementary guidance;
- It was suggested that the group consider peace heritage – projects involving world wars, for examples;
- It was proposed that partnerships with like-minded organisations be forged and the work of the group further publicised, such as through a Facebook page, and Twitter. This would allow, among other things, for interviews with members to be posted online;
- There was a suggestion that speakers at the Wales Peace Institute could also meet with members of the CPG, as well as plan awareness-raising activities around diary events such as International Conscientious Objectors' Day and International Womens' Day;
- It was suggested that the group should look at the legislative programme in Wales and seek to take part in consultations.

5. AOB

There was no further business and the meeting was closed.