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William Powell AM
Chair
Petitions Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Mr Powell

Petition: A Permanent Memorial for Wales

Thank you for your letter of 31 October on the above.

You asked whether the Arts Council of Wales would be able to provide funding for a memorial commemorating those who'd suffered death or injury at work. I'm not familiar with all of the background to this proposal. But my initial response would be that I think it unlikely that we'd be able to support such a project. Through our Lottery funding programmes we fund Public Arts projects, many of which are pieces of sculpture or other arts projects located in the public realm. Under the guidelines for this funding programme we specifically don't fund Memorials, including those to individual people, that will take the form of statuary or figurative work.

It might be the case, however, that what's envisaged would not be a work in this form. It might therefore be helpful if I summarise the factors that would be most likely to attract our potential support.

Organisations can apply for Capital Lottery funding towards the cost of the design, development and implementation of art in the public realm. Projects can be located in the urban, rural or natural environment, but they must be located on sites with wide public access. This is so that as many people as possible can experience and benefit from your public art project.

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We tend not to support one-off projects. We look for projects that are part of a well-conceived, wider strategic plan. Examples include local authority regeneration strategies, town centre regeneration plans, infrastructure works such as highways redevelopments, urban and rural masterplans and rural development plans.

Projects of this type tend to be complex and challenging to manage. There are many issues that relate to location, ownership, commissioning, project management and maintenance to mention just a few. It could be that your petitioner has already addressed all of these issues. If this is the case, we would be happy to meet with them to offer our advice on the next stage of development of the project.

Yours sincerely

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