

Cross-Party Group Minutes

Meeting Minutes:

Cross Party Group Title:	Peace & Reconciliation
Date of Meeting:	5/12/22
Location:	Zoom

In attendance:

Name:	Name:
Mabon ap Gwynfor MS (Chair)	Heledd Fychan MS
Hayley Richards	Jill Evans
Jane Harries	Awel Irene
Sion Edwards (Senedd translator)	Gethin Rhys
Gwyn Williams	Peredur Owen Gwynfor MS
Ameerah Mai	Cosima Wohlschleg (Youth Peace Ambassador)
Owain Sion (Youth Peace Ambassador)	Skylar Garrett (Youth Peace Ambassador)

Apologies:

Name:	Name:
Mererid Honwood	

Summary of Meeting:

Derbyn Cofnodion a materion yn codi - Minutes and matters arising

- Mabon confirmed that the letters to the Directors of Education across Wales highlighting the Peace Schools Scheme and how it can support delivery of the new Curriculum for Wales would be sent out by the end of the week.
- Mabon confirmed that the letter to the Minister for Education asking about any guidance issued for visitors, such as the military, to Welsh schools to ensure information is transparent and that pupils are encouraged to ask critical questions would be sent out by the end of the week. This would include an invitation to join the CPG at a convenient date.
- Mabon confirmed that the letter to the Chair (Jack Sargeant) of the Petitions Committee asking for an update on whether WG undertook the recommendations put forward by the Committee **Armed forces recruiting in schools? (senedd.wales)**.
- Mabon will feedback to the group on any response to these letters.

Lysgenhadon Heddwch Ieuenctid Cymru - Youth Peace Ambassadors for Wales

- Mabon welcomed the Youth Peace Ambassadors to the meeting and thanked them for joining during their school day.
- Owain presented on behalf of the group as Cosima and Skylar had technical difficulties. Owain talked about the training the group of 7 (15-18yrs) Youth Peace Ambassadors had received from WCIA & Quakers Britain at the Temple of Peace in Cardiff. The Ambassadors are from all corners of Wales and have different beliefs but all have a passion for peace. The Ambassadors want to inspire people through campaigns. The YPA came up with 4 main areas:
 1. Promote a more critical view of effects of war and the role of militarism within education
 2. Impact of climate emergency on peace work in Wales & around the world and on Wales as a Nation of Sanctuary
 3. Campaign for the rights and fair treatment of people seeking asylum in Wales
 4. Create a network of young campaigners & Welsh peace movements to organise campaigns and share ideas.

- The projects the YPA have on the horizon are to talk to politicians.; changemaker project focused on improving peace education in Welsh communities.
- Mabon thanked Owain, Cosima and Skylar for their contribution. Attendees applauded their contribution and MSs at the meeting offered any help in raising issues through 90s statement, oral statements and asking questions. It was agreed to dedicate part of the future CPG session which Jeremy Miles attends to the YPA so that they can ask questions directly.
- Attendees applauded the YPA putting democracy into action and for providing new inspiration for older campaigners.
- It was agreed that future CPG meetings should be held after 3.30pm or at 12pm to enable YPA to attend if they wanted to.

Dyddiad a phwnc y cyfarfod nesaf - Date & topic of next meeting

Dydd Llun, Mawrth 20, 12.00-1.00 y prynhawn drwy zoom

Monday 20th March, 12.00-1.00pm via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85312642713>

Crynodeb y Pwyntiau Gweithredu - Summary of Action Points

- Mabon to provide feedback to the Group on the response to letters to Ministers & Committee Chairs regarding militarisation in schools
- Future meetings at 12pm or 3.30pm to enable YPA representatives to attend