

6th Dec. 2011.

Abigail Phillips,
Clerk to the Petitions Committee,
National Assembly for Wales,
Cardiff Bay,
CARDIFF, CF99 1NA.

Dear Abigail Phillips,

Re: Welsh Peace Institute.

I am writing in support of the proposal to establish a Welsh Peace Institute to provide education and consultation to educators and politicians.

More than ever before, it appears that an attitude to combat violence is needed at every level of life. More specifically, in Wales, there is a need to ensure that our land and facilities are not made easily available for military use by Westminster decisions. Having spent my professional life working with disturbed and disturbing adolescents and families, I am deeply aware of how corrosive a context of violence can be.

I grew up proud of the National Eisteddfod's cry of 'A oes heddwch?' A peace institute would have to reply that there is not;

~~but intended~~ also show that the question was
being asked in all seriousness.

Yours sincerely,

Lynette Hughes (Ms.)