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Dear Abigail Phillips,

I am writing with reference to the
Academi Heddwch in Wales.

As you can see from the above drawing
made by a five year old friend we have many
opportunities to learn about conflict and war in
our communities at this time. I feel it is important
to begin to address this with an academy
devoted to resolution, connection and peace.
Wales has a history of peaceful activity. It is
enshrined in the Bardic Oath. I feel the
Academi should be able to address issues of
conflict resolution on many levels - within
individuals, between individuals, within and
between communities. To have an academy
which can promote skills of advocacy and
co-operation ~~would~~ on all levels right up to
governmental would be excellent not just
for this country but for the UK as a whole

Money of course will be an issue but with the promotion of peaceful resolution of conflict will ~~be~~ come a 'knock-on effect' of less trouble with in communities and less money spent on the resulting damage — it is time for strategic thinking rather than reactive fumbling.

I think people are yearning for the skills to be articulate around peace and happiness rather than the drama of conflict.

Thank you for investigating this necessary though seemingly bold enterprise in this way.

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