

Cross Party Group on Faith meeting

Refugees - providing a welcome in the hillsides

Conference Room 24, Tŷ Hywel on Wednesday 7 October from 12:30-13:45

Present:

1. Amal Beyrouthy, Women Connect First
2. Andrea Adams, Welsh Government
3. Carol Godfrey, Welsh Government
4. Carys Moseley, Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Cymru / Presbyterian Church of Wales
5. Claire Cartwright, Board for Social Responsibility, The Church in Wales, Diocese of Llandaff
6. Darren Millar, Conservative AM Clwyd West (Chair)
7. David Forward, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
8. Dylan Moore, Sanctuary, Newport
9. Elfed Godding, General Secretary, Evangelical Alliance Wales
10. Elinor Harris, Wales Cities of Sanctuary Co-ordinator, Displaced People in Action (Speaker)
11. Glyn Jones, Wales Orthodox Mission, Blaenau Ffestiniog
12. Jim Stewart, Public Affairs and Advocacy Officer, Evangelical Alliance Wales (Secretary)
13. Jonathan Durley, Community Development Officer, The Church in Wales, Diocese of Llandaff
14. Julie Jones, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
15. Mark Symonds, Salvation Army
16. Mavis Harris, Cardiff Watch
17. Mia Rees
18. Mohammad Asghar AM
19. Pat Dunmore, Policy Officer, Welsh Refugee Council
20. Rachel Orphan, work experience
21. Revd Carol Wardman, Bishops' Adviser for Church and Society, The Church in Wales
22. Revd David Brownutt, Baptist Minister, Rhondda
23. Revd Dr Philip Manghan, Catholic Education service Education Adviser (Wales), Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff
24. Revd Pete Orphan, Pastor of Pantygwydr Baptist Church, Swansea
25. Revd Peter Noble, Chaplain in the Bay
26. Russell George AM
27. Sarah Wheat, The Church in Wales, Diocese of St. Asaph
28. Stanley Soffa, Chair of the South Wales Jewish Representative Council

Apologies

1. Ellana Thomas
2. Father Deiniol, Wales Orthodox Mission
3. Gwenda Thomas AM
4. Aled Edwards, Chief Executive, Cŷtun
5. John Davies, Bishop of Brecon and Swansea
6. Rocio Cifuentes, Ethnic Youth Support Team, Swansea

7. Christine Abbas, Wales Baha'i Association
8. Gethin Rhys, Cŷtun
9. Ian Govier, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
10. Mari MacNeill, Christian Aid
11. Sharon Lee, Housing Justice

This Cross Party Group does not make a distinction between group members and external guests with places for meetings being allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Minutes

1. Darren Millar AM welcomed everyone and noted apologies
2. The Chair noted that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
3. The Chair introduced the speaker, Elinor Harris from Displaced People in Action, who gave a presentation on "Providing a welcome in the hillsides"
4. Carol Godfrey from Welsh Government gave an update on the recent Refugee Summit organised by Welsh Government
5. The presentation was followed by a time of discussion and Q&A.
6. The following actions were agreed upon:
 - a. Elinor Harris to send out a *what can we do* sheet
 - b. A list of trusted organisations to be circulated to attendees by Elinor Harris
 - c. A myth-busting guide to be circulated to attendees by Pat Dunmore of the Welsh Refugee Council
 - d. A list of trusted legal organisations to be made available to attendees from Pat Dunmore of the Welsh Refugee Council
 - e. Welsh Government to update on mapping exercise
7. The AGM was held in which the following posts were filled:
 - a. Darren Millar AM was re-elected as Chair
 - b. Mohammad Asghar was elected as Vice-Chair
 - c. Jim Stewart was re-elected as Secretary
8. The meeting was closed by Darren Millar AM with details of the next meeting to be circulated via email by Jim Stewart.