

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau Petitions Committee

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Petitions Committee of the National Assembly for Wales has received the following petition:

'We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to investigate the potential for and practicality of Wales having a Peace Institute concerned with Peace and Human Rights, comparable with those supported by state governments in Flanders, Catalonia and elsewhere in Europe.'

We are interested in receiving views from individuals, groups and organisations on the subject of this petition. These views will be used as evidence by the Petitions Committee in its consideration of the petition.

Questions you may wish to consider in responding

Do you feel that the action called for is reasonable and/or feasible?

- If so, how important is it to have a peace institute in Wales?
- How do you think a Wales Peace Institute should be constituted and what should its terms of reference be?
- If you do not feel that the action called for is reasonable and/or feasible, why is that?
- What are the barriers to establishing a peace Institute in Wales?

If you would like to submit evidence, we would be grateful to receive it by Monday, 14 December 2011. Further guidance on the submission of evidence is attached.

We would be grateful if you could share this request with other interested parties or, where appropriate, any of your member organisations.

Yours faithfully,

Abigail Phillips
Clerk to the Petitions Committee

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Advice on Submitting Evidence

- The Committee may call on those who have submitted written evidence to supplement it in oral evidence to the Committee. Please indicate in your response whether you would be prepared to give evidence in person.
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