

Cross-Party Group Minutes

Meeting Minutes:

Cross Party Group Title:	Cross-Party Group on Peace & Reconciliation
Date of Meeting:	19/12/2024
Location:	Zoom

In attendance:

Name:	Name:
Mabon ap Gwynfor (Chair)	Carolyn Thomas
Jane Dodds	Eleri Griffiths (Heledd Fychan's Office)
Bethan Siân Jones (Academi Heddwch Cymru / Secretary)	

Apologies:

Name:	Title:

Summary of Meeting:

Annual General Meeting (AGM). Senedd members only, plus Secretary provided by Academi Heddwch Cymru (AHC) to ensure continuation of Cross-Party Group.

- MaG was re-elected as Chair.
- CT was elected as Vice-Chair.
- AHC was re-elected as Secretariat.
- MaG noted the turbulent times that are upon us concerning global conflict, reiterating the importance of this group’s continuation.

Wales as a Nation of Peace (2024) report by Academi Heddwch Cymru

- BSJ gave a report on the work of AHC, including an update on the recently-completed *Wales as a Nation of Peace* (2024) report. Funded by the Welsh Government, the aims of the report are to identify opportunities for action across Welsh institutions and organisations to embed peace building into the delivery of the goals in the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and in particular - a prosperous Wales, a more resilient Wales, a healthier Wales and a globally responsible Wales.
- The report will also contribute to and help facilitate a national dialogue on how Wales can develop as a Nation of Peace and contribute to the vision of a warless world.
- The next steps are for this report to be translated and published by AHC. It was suggested by BSJ that after doing so, there could be an opportunity to have a presentation on the report in the Cross-Party Group sometime in 2024, followed by a discussion on it.
- This suggestion followed a series of ideas such as building a particular event around the *Wales as a Nation of Peace* report in the Senedd; passing a motion on it and / or holding a discussion on it in the Senedd. A series of dates were suggested to coincide with Senedd actions around the

report e.g., International Day of Living Together in Peace - 16th of May (either that date or that week).

ACTION – BSJ to talk to AHC Board and produce a timeline of events concerning the report (translation, publication etc). BSJ to feed this information back to the Cross-Party Group so that Senedd activities concerning the report can be decided upon soon.