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80th Anniversary of Wales’ Temple of Peace & Health
November 2018 Programme of Events
“I pray this Temple may come to be regarded, by the people of my country both of our generation and of those that are to follow… as a symbol of our determination to strive for a world of justice and peace in the future.”

Minnie James, ‘Mother of Wales’, 23 Nov 1938

November 2018 marks 100 years since the end of World War One, and 80 years since Wales’ Temple of Peace was opened as a memorial ‘to those men and women of all nations who gave their lives in the war that was to end war’. Gifted to the nation to advance the causes of health, peace and justice from the local to the global, the Temple’s founding mission to build a better world remains more relevant than ever today.

Join us in a month-long programme of events to mark the remarkable contribution of generations of inspiring people and movements… and to shape the aspirations of a ‘new generation of internationalists’.

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**Conference**

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**Temple Tour**

*Children's Day*  

**Seminar on UN Peace Education**

*Children*  

Trade Justice Seminar

**Campaining for Change: Aid, Debt and Campaigning for Change**
Celebrating A Century of Peacemakers

On 23rd November 1938, Mrs Minnie James of Dowlais Top, Merthyr – on behalf of the war-bereaved mothers of Wales and the world – turned the key to Wales’ National Temple of Peace and Health. Gifted to the people of Wales by Lord David Davies of Llandinam, the nation’s memorial to the fallen of WW1 was to be dedicated to the pursuit of peace. From 1938 to today, the Temple has been at the heart of Welsh civil society efforts to build a better world – and through the generations has profoundly shaped the identity, culture and outlook of Wales and its people.

WCIA is proud to mark the 80th Anniversary of this incredible building with this month-long events programme, exploring the stories of Wales’ inspiring internationalists, peacebuilders and changemakers through the years – exploring how their stories can inspire a new generation of internationalists to shape Wales’ future role in the world. With world affairs in uneasy times today - and with 20 years to #Temple100 - join the WCIA in rekindling the spirit of peacemakers past, towards building a better world of peace, health and justice in the coming decades.

WW100: Remembering for Peace: The end of ‘the war that was to end war’

Wales’ Book of Remembrance: Turning the Pages

Thursday 1 – Friday 30 November

Within the foundations of the Temple of Peace, built to honour the fallen of WW1, Wales’ Book of Remembrance records 40,000 souls - the ‘roll call’ for the National War Memorial in Alexandra Gardens. Once a place of pilgrimage for those who had lost loved ones, throughout November the WCIA will re-enact the tradition of turning the pages at 11am each morning. Wales for Peace Team
The Story of the Book: Talk, Performance, Reflection

**Friday 9 November, 6-9pm**

To open remembrance weekend, this talk will share the story of the Book of Remembrance itself; the people behind the names, and those who survived to campaign for peace after WW1. We will share some insights from WCIA and the National Library of Wales in involving volunteers in the ‘modern day act of remembrance’ of digitising the Book. Also, experience the first performance of a musical response to the crypt by young Welsh composer Jon Berry. Visitors will have the opportunity to reflect within the sanctity of the Crypt, and a rollcall of the names will be read through the weekend.

_Wales for Peace, National Library of Wales and Composer Jon Berry._

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*War’ by Kevin Sinnott – see this painting outside the Crypt*

*Wales’ National War Memorial, Alexandra Gardens, Cardiff*

*Welsh WW1 Poet, Hedd Wyn*

*The WW1 Book of Remembrance, in the Crypt of Wales’ Temple of Peace*
Remembrance Service for Wales’ Ethnic Servicemen & Women

Friday 2 November, 6.30-8.30pm

WW1 and WW2 claimed the lives of many thousands from across Britain’s former Empire, from African, Caribbean and Asian Nations, who fought in the UK’s name. Rarely visible in Remembrance, at this event the Welsh Government and Royal British Legion will formally acknowledge and say ‘thank you’ for the contribution, and recognise the losses, within Wales’ international communities – in Wales’ iconic memorial to WW1, the Temple of Peace. The WCIA looks forward to welcoming family descendants of Welsh BAME service people, with a Minister from Welsh Government, to this memorial event led by Race Council Cymru. Race Council Cymru / Black History Month with Royal British Legion, supported by Welsh Government

Wales’ Festival of Remembrance

The Royal British Legion Wales Festival of Remembrance will be held in St. David’s Hall on Sat 3 Nov www.stdavids hall cardiff.co.uk/whats-on/wales-festival-of-remembrance/

Armistice Day Memorial Services

Sunday 11 November, from 10am (Services 11am-12.30pm and 3-5pm)

At 11.00 on 11.11, Wales Remembers the fallen of WW1 - and all victims of conflict over the 100 years since. Wales’ Armistice Ceremony will be performed in Alexandra Gardens, opposite the Temple of Peace, with the opportunity to visit the Welsh Book of Remembrance in the Crypt of the Temple of Peace. The book itself, remembering 40,000 lost in WW1, will then be conveyed to Llandaff Cathedral where Wales’ National Memorial Service will proceed from 3-5pm. Royal British Legion, Cymru’n Cofio / Wales Remembers, Welsh Government.

‘Remembering for Peace’ Reception

Sunday 11th November (1-2.30pm). Invitation / tickets only, via Welsh Government.

WCIA are pleased to welcome Remembrance Day service participants to a lunch reception in the Temple of Peace, courtesy of the Welsh Government, where visitors will be able to visit the Crypt which holds the WW1 Book of Remembrance. Cymru’n Cofio / Wales Remembers and Welsh Government.
**Temple80: Celebrating a Century of Peace Builders**

**Wales for Peace Exhibition**

*Thursday 1 – Friday 30 November*

Open weekdays, 9am-5pm (+ evenings and weekend events).

The Wales for Peace exhibition explores how, in the 100 years since WW1, the people of Wales have contributed to the search for peace – and continue to do so today. Explore our ‘timeline’ of Wales’ peace heritage from past to present. Take in the inspiring stories, original archival materials, youth art and responses, as well as opportunities and challenges for Wales’ future generations of internationalists. And reflect on your own aspirations for Wales’ role in the world into the future: what in the world do you care about? *Craig Owen, Mari Lowe, Jon Berry, communities Wales-wide*

**Temple of Memories: Exhibition Opening**

*Thursday 1 November, 6.30-8.30pm*

Following a cheese and wine reception to open the Wales for Peace Exhibition, this panel discussion brings together several generations of WCIA and UNA Exchange Directors to share insights and reflections on how the Temple of Peace has shaped Welsh civil society and identity, and responded to the challenges of championing internationalism, peace & free speech. This is a one-off ‘live oral histories’ event, with opportunity for audience Q&A. It is hoped to make this event available as a podcast. *Susie Ventris-Field with Martin Pollard, Sheila Smith, Stephen Thomas.*

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**Welsh Efforts for World Peace, 1920-1927.**

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The CHILDREN OF WALES were the first to send by Wireless a greeting of goodwill to all other children in every land under the sun.

The WOMEN OF WALES were the first to send a message of Peace from the homes of one people to the homes of another.

The TEACHERS OF WALES were the first to teach the principles of the League of Nations in the schools.

The CHURCHES OF WALES were the first to make an annual offering in furtherance of World Peace.

LEADERS OF RELIGION IN WALES were the first to present a Memorial to Leaders of Religion in America on behalf of the League of Nations.

The Welsh National Council of the League of Nations Union makes its appeal for still further support to help Wales to become, more and more, a Missionary Nation for Peace amongst all the Peoples of the World.
Temple80 Anniversary Gala Evening and Performance

Reinterpreting ‘A New Mecca’ for today

*Friday 23 November – tickets only*

**Part of the Being Human Festival. Featuring a new performance led by Gentle/Radical, supported by the Arts Council of Wales**

Opened on 23rd November 1938, Cardiff’s Temple of Peace was designed as a place of pilgrimage, a shrine to which the Welsh people could march and dedicate themselves to peace – a ‘New Mecca’ for its time, for people of all faiths and none. Less than a year later, this dream was shattered by the outbreak of WWII.

80 years on, join us to celebrate the Temple’s founding principles of peace, justice and health. Take part in a 21st century reimagining of the original Order of Service, combining spoken word, film and song. Through excerpts from the 1938 speeches, you’ll discover the story behind this extraordinary building. Alongside the history, the service will feature contemporary creative responses to the Temple, including a new work by acclaimed composer Helen Chadwick. Together, we’ll rededicate the Temple’s Marble Hall back to its original name, the ‘Hall of Nations’. Before the service, you’ll have an opportunity to explore this stunning art deco building, and visit the Crypt and the Welsh Book of Remembrance.

6pm Doors open; **Reception** (wine & buffet) in Entrance.

**‘New Mecca’ Performance:** Reinterpretation of the opening ceremony and **Rededication of the Hall of Nations**.

**Self-guided tours** of the Temple and exhibition installations exploring Wales’ Peace Heritage.

**Temple80 Fireworks Display**

**WCIA Alumni Reception** in the Council Chamber (invitation only)
Guided Temple Tours and Archive Workshops

*Wednesdays 7, 14, 21 and 28 November, 12.30-1.30pm (lunchtime tours)*

Led by WCIA’s volunteer tour guides, these tours offer a snapshot into the Temple’s rich past, drawing on research into the building, the people and the movements inspired by the mission for peace. Take in the architecture, the symbolism, the spaces – the Hall of Nations, Crypt, Library, and Wales’ Garden of Peace - the politics of war and peace and above all, the people whose passion for peace has shaped Wales. Each week, as part of the Wales for Peace Exhibition, the Council Chamber will be open with a display of original documents and artefacts from the Temple Archives.

*Led by Mari Lowe, Temple of Peace Archivist with WCIA Volunteers.*

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Peace Garden 30 Rededication

*Saturday 24th November, 2-4pm*

Wales’ National Garden of Peace was established by International Youth Service, CVS and UNA Exchange founder Robert Davies in 1988. A time capsule was buried by 8-year-old Richard Mears of Roath Park Primary School, UNA’s youngest member, with 93-year-old Irene Chamberlain who was part of the 1938 opening. There are nearly 50 memorials in the garden dedicated to Welsh peacemakers which each tell an amazing story of their own. 30 years later, we gather to rededicate the Peace Garden, unveiling youth-designed sculptural mosaics for the entrance archways, and a Peace Gardens Memorials Trail. Children will bury a time capsule for the Temple’s 100th Anniversary in 2038.

*Led by UNA Exchange, WCIA and Temple Partners.*
Centrepiece for Peace: Creative Responses

Artist in Residence

*Thursday 1 (at Exhibition Launch P7), Monday 5, (at BAME Service P6) Friday 9 (at Book of Remembrance Evening P5) & Friday 23 Nov (at Gala P8)*

Young Composer Jon Berry will perform a musical tribute to the Temple’s heritage of remembrance and peacebuilding, alongside multimedia responses and perspectives from up-and-coming youth artists with a passion for Welsh internationalism. These will be integrated into sound installations as part of the Wales for Peace exhibition. *Jon Berry, composer and playwright*

Performance of ‘The Bundle’

*Friday 16 November, 8pm (following “Nation of Sanctuary?” event, p.13)*

A play based on a real story, ‘The Bundle’ follows a woman’s denial of human rights in Chechnya, abduction and forced marriage. She takes the ultimate risk in plotting escape to the UK with her children, where she finds a home - but also encounters the Home Office’s ‘hostile environment’ with regard to asylum seekers and refugees. *Lynn Morris, Journeymen Theatre and Quaker Asylum & Refugee Network*

Temple80 Film Launch

*Friday 23 November (at Gala Alumni reception, by invitation—see p.8)*

Award-winning social documentary film maker Tracy Pallant of Valley & Vale Community Arts has been working with WCIA to produce a short film celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Temple, through the voices of inspiring people who have worked here over the years. The film, to be formally launched on 23rd November, will be viewable as part of the Wales for Peace exhibition. *Tracy Pallant, Amy Peckham, Valley & Vale Community Arts*

Standup for Peace

*Friday 30 November, 7-10pm*

We finish our season of 80th Anniversary events, and begin the transition to the Christmas period, with a lighthearted evening of fun and entertainment with a message of goodwill to the world. Comedians will be invited to offer their pearls of wisdom on the world today – and demonstrate how good humour can make the world a better place. *Holly Ireland, Wales for Peace team, Comedian and Activist*
Watch Africa Film Screenings

*Hub Cymru Africa, Sub Saharan Africa Advisory Panel / Watch Africa Film Festival*

**Saturday 10 November, 6.30-8.30pm – Adama**
In 1914 in a remote village in West Africa lives 12-year-old. Beyond lies the kingdom of wicked spirits hungry for war. When Samba, his elder brother, suddenly vanishes, Adama decides to set off in search of him with Abdou and Maximin crossing a Europe in the grip of war.

**Saturday 17 November, 6.30-9pm – Touki Bouki, followed by Q&A and discussion**
With a stunning mix of surreal and naturalistic, Djibril Diop Mambéty paints a vivid, fractured portrait of Senegal in the early 1970s. In this French, New Wave–influenced fantasy-drama, two young lovers long to leave Dakar for the glamour and comforts of France, but their escape plan is beset by complications both concrete and mystical.

**Saturday 24 November, 6.30-9pm – Fatma75 followed by Q&A with Dr Stefanie Van De Peer (16 Days of Activism)**
Fatma75 by Selma Baccar, is a pioneering film from Tunisia. It is the first non-fiction film by a woman from Tunisia, a feminist essay-film, and the first in a series of powerful films about strong female figures in the country. The film was made in the UN International Women’s Year, 1975, and has long been recognised as one of the most important films from North Africa.

Register for Watch Africa screenings at watchafrica2018.eventbrite.com

Peace in our Time: Learning Events

**INSPIRE WW100 Schools Conference**
Tuesday 6 November – ticket only (Temple80.Eventbrite.com)

‘Shaping the Future we Wish to See’:
Young people building a more peaceful Wales and World
The final ‘schools conference’ of the Wales for Peace programme will be one of 9 events UK-wide, broadcast as part of the BBC’s youth programming for Remembrance Day 2018. The morning session will be held in Ty Hywel, the debating chamber of the National Assembly for Wales, with involvement of current serving Assembly Members. The afternoon session in the Temple of Peace will be a celebration of the achievements of young people through the Wales for Peace project between 2014-18, and will feature the awarding of the first ‘Peace Schools’ in Wales.

*Jane Harries, WCIA; Peace Education Network; INSPIRE; sponsored by the National Assembly for Wales*
Legacy of the WW100 Centenary

Wednesday 21 November, 2-6pm

Sir Deian Hopkin, Chair of Cymru’n Cofio and Special Advisor to the First Minister will share reflections on the legacy of the centenary period in Wales itself – to shape a discussion among civil society groups, academics and organisations who have been part of the ‘Wales Remembers 2014-18’ programme. What have we learned from remembrance? What will be the legacy? How can the lessons of WW100, and the search for peace, shape Wales’ role in a conflicted world, past Brexit towards the next 100 years? Supported by Cymru’n Cofio / Wales Remembers, and Wales Peace Institute

A World of Opportunity

Monday 26 November, 2-5pm

There are loads of incredible opportunities for young people in Wales to study, work, volunteer and travel abroad. From volunteering at a music festival in Belgium, to doing work experience in a leading company in Germany, or doing part of their degree in China, there’s a world of opportunity out there. Come along to hear from young people about their international experience, and find out about the exciting range of funded and part-funded international opportunities available for young people. British Council Wales; WCIA

Changing World: our Past Inspires our Future

Meet and join the Temple’s peacemakers of today - and tomorrow. How has the world changed, and where are we going? Explore the heritage, and issues, of the movements and organisations based here in 2018. How have people contributed to ‘changing the world’ over the Temple’s history? How do we create change in different ways today? And how are we looking to the challenges of the future?
Wales and the World: International Development Seminar

Monday 5 November, 6-7.30pm

Join the audience and join in this ‘peace podcast’ panel discussion which will explore Wales' engagement with international development over 80 years, including founding of the United Nations, UNDP and UNESCO; the Anti-Apartheid and Freedom from Hunger Campaigns of the 1960s-80s; UNICEF & VSO; and links with Nicaragua, Cuba, Patagonia and Lesotho, which preceded today’s Wales for Africa programme. WClA

War and Peace...and the Environment

Tuesday 6 November, 5-7pm

On UN Environmental Protection in Conflict Day, join an exciting and diverse panel to explore how conflict and peace impact the natural environment and furthermore consider how climate change could potentially be driving an increase in conflict as resources become increasingly scarce and communities are forced to migrate. Size of Wales

Campaigning for Change: Aid, Debt and Trade Justice Seminar

Tuesday 13 November, 6-7.30pm

Join the audience and for this 'peace podcast' panel discussion which will explore how campaigning around aid, debt and trade justice has evolved through recent decades and how it may look in the future. WClA

Wales – Nation of Sanctuary?

Friday 16 November, 6-8pm (followed by performance of play ‘The Bundle’, P5)

As Wales campaigns to become the world’s first ‘Nation of Sanctuary, we will explore our nation’s record of offering sanctuary to refugees fleeing conflicts from WW1 to today. WClA and Welsh Refugee Coalition.

Wales for Africa Celebration

Wednesday 14 November, 6.30-8.30pm

A celebration evening for the Wales Africa and Fair Trade community with First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, as he nears the end of his tenure. Mr Jones has championed partnerships with Africa over the last 10 years and the event will include a Fair Trade reception and examples of Wales Africa linking work.

Hub Cymru Africa partnership: Sub Sahara Advisory Panel, Fair Trade Wales, Wales for Africa Health Links Network and the WClA.
Dolen: Wales Lesotho Annual Celebration

Saturday 17 November, 10am-4pm

Did you know that the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho and Wales have been linked since 1985? Come along to our Annual Celebration where you will learn how we bring lives and skills together from both countries. From mental health training to teacher mentoring, toilet building in schools to physiotherapy for disabled children and healthy living through rugby training- something for everyone! All welcome! *Dolen Cymru*

Peace Education on World Children’s Day

Tuesday 20 November, 12-3pm (UN World Children’s Day)

Join us to look at Wales’ proud heritage of education for peace and international understanding, from the work of the Welsh Education Advisory Committee (WEAC) in the 1920s to the WCIA Wales Peace Schools Scheme of today. There will be an opportunity to witness first-hand how peace education and global learning enhances the learning, skills and wellbeing of students at the primary and secondary levels. A discussion will follow as to how peace education can be integrated into the new curriculum in Wales and into Estyn’s inspection framework, to support students in becoming ‘ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world’. *WCIA*

Women, War & Peace

Thursday 22 November, 6-9pm

Surrounded by her world-renowned exhibition, international photojournalist Lee Karen Stow will talk about ‘Women War & Peace’ - followed by a panel discussion about Welsh women in war & peace from WW1 to today, from the 1920s Women’s Peace Pilgrimage and Petition to America, WILPF (Women’s int’l League for Peace & Freedom), to the Greenham Common movement and Women2Women4Peace. *International Photojournalist Lee Stow with Heddwch Nain / Mamgu and Cymdeithas y Cymod*

Building Resilience to Extremism and Exploitation

Wednesday 28 November, 10am-6pm

The Resilience project, funded by Big Lottery Wales, supports young people at risk of Far-Right extremism. In a Brexit / Trump environment in which extremism and anti-internationalism are on the rise, this conference explores how Welsh communities can build peaceful pathways. *EYST (Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales), supported by Welsh Government*

International Volunteering Weekend and Alumni Reunion

Sat 24 November

Marking the 45th anniversary of the founding of UNA Exchange, a weekend reunion for international voluntary service alumni and supporters to come together and share stories about their experiences, celebrate the impact of volunteering abroad projects, and to consider the challenges ahead. At the same time as this event, a rededication with fun family activities will take place in the Peace Garden. *UNA Exchange*
Wales for Peace

In the 100 years since the First World War, how have the people of Wales’ contributed to the search for peace?

Between 2014-18, the HLF-funded ‘Wales for Peace’ project has worked with partners, communities and schools throughout Wales to explore and uncover hidden histories of Wales peace heritage. This event programme marks the culmination of this project, celebrating many of the inspiring stories and engaging volunteer projects – as well as challenges for the future - that have emerged.

The Wales for Peace poppy icon is a modern fusion of the red poppy and white poppy – both symbols of remembrance from the 1920s. The white poppy was adopted by women’s movements in protest at the use of the red poppy for military recruitment, and both remain symbols of opposing world views. Their fusion is symbolic of the dialogue and understanding on which peace depends, in an ever more polarised world.

The wonderfully colourful rainbow flag emerged as a symbol in 1960s protests against nuclear weapons – often emblazoned with the Italian ‘PACE’ (peace) - and made a Europe-wide resurgence with the 2002 protests against the Iraq war. The 7 colours now define the 7 themes of WCIA’s Wales for Peace exhibition – 7 ‘pathways for peace’ that offer actions for how we can all build a better world for the future.

Throughout November, the Wales for Peace exhibition will be open alongside all events. Explore the ‘timeline of hidden histories’ charting the achievements of Wales’ peacemakers past to present; find ‘peace in the archives’ in the Temple Library; and be inspired by art and responses to our Young Peacemakers Award. Most importantly, reflect on your own aspirations for the future, for Wales’ role in the world.

Pathways to Peace

What makes you passionate about peace? Make a ‘Pledge for Peace’ on WCIA’s Peace Tree in reception.

What in the World do you care about? The future is yours, and ours, to shape.
How you can support the WCIA

The work of the Temple of Peace has been at the heart of Welsh life from 1938 to today. The WCIA, today’s incarnation of the original Welsh League of Nations Union, continues to burn the flame of our peacebuilding founders as Wales’ leading civil society organisation working on global education, community engagement and international volunteering.

Volunteer at the Temple of Peace

- WCIA office, events, communications and project placement opportunities.
- International volunteering opportunities with UNA Exchange, Dolen, the Wales Lesotho link, and Wales Africa inking organisations through Hub Cymru Africa.
- Campaign with Fairtrade Wales.
- Fundraise for forests with Size of Wales.

Temple80 Appeal

Give to our ‘Temple80’ Appeal and help us to continue the quest for peace for the next 20 years. Help us to reach 100 years so we can support the next generation of peacebuilders in Wales!

- Make a peace pledge through a regular gift
- Be a peace builder with a one-off donation
- Leave a peace legacy as a gift in your will or in memory

Visit www.wcia.org.uk for more information.

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