

WELSH EFFORTS FOR WORLD PEACE,

1920-1927.

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.

WLNU Poster, 1927 – from Temple of Peace Archives



#PEACE100

Over 2022-24, Wales' peace movement will be marking a series of significant anniversaries as dates align to witness the **centenary** of the post-WW1 peace campaigns of the Welsh League of Nations Union (WLNU, 1922+); the **75th** anniversary of the post-WW2 United Nations Association (UNA Wales, 1947+); the **50th** Anniversary of the Welsh Centre for International Affairs itself (WCIA, 1973+); and the **25th** anniversary of Welsh devolution (1997+).

WLNU100

Spring 2022

The Welsh League of Nations Union was founded between January - May 1922 – attracting over 30,000 members with 1,000 Welsh community branches.

Neges100

May 2022

Wales' Youth Message of Peace and Goodwill was first broadcast in May 1922 by Rev Gwilym Davies as the WLNU's first world peace campaign – continued through Urdd Gobaith Cymru from 1954 to this day, on the original 'World Peace Day' of May 18.

TeachPeace100

May 2022

The Welsh Education Advisory Committee (WEAC) held their 1st conference at Gregynog Hall, Powys, producing the world's first global education curriculum – becoming the blueprint years later for UNESCO.

Temple85

April 2022

The Foundation Stone for Wales' Temple of Peace was laid on 8th April 1937 by Viscount Halifax – whose signature represents the British people on the UN Charter.

UNA75

June 2022

Post-WW2, the United Nations Association (Wales) was officially created from the former WLNU following an inaugural conference in Wrexham

Llangollen75

June 2022

The first Llangollen International Eisteddfod was staged in June 1947 as a vehicle for 'creating peace and harmony' after the horrors of WW2.

Tregaron100

August 2022

The WLNU organised their first pilgrimage to the Tregaron statue of Wales' historic 'Apostle of Peace' Henry Richard; whence the 2022 National Eisteddfod returns.

Churches100

Dec 2022

The churches of Wales organized an 'annual offering for world peace' between Remembrance Day and Christmas Eve 1922, becoming an annual campaign to the 1960s

WomenPeace100

Spring 2023 + 2024

Over Spring 1923, women of the WLNU launched the 'Welsh Women's Peace Petition to America' – gathering 390,296 signatures Wales-wide, taken to America in Feb-April 1924.

Daffodil100

March 2023

The first 'Daffodil Days' were organised Wales-wide by WLNU branches, Wales' national flower becoming a powerful symbol of world peace – and raising funds for campaigns throughout 1920s-30s.

WLNU100

May 2023

The first national conference and AGM of Wales-wide branches of the Welsh League of Nations Union was held over Whitsuntide in Aberystwyth.

Remembrance100

Nov 2023

The WW1 Book of Remembrance was commissioned in Nov 1923, taking 5 years to gather 35,000+ names of the fallen – unveiled, with Wales' national war memorial, for the 10th Armistice in Nov 1928

WCIA50

Oct 2023

The Welsh Centre for International Affairs (WCIA) was officially opened on 11 October 1973 by Foreign Office Minister Lady Tweedsmuir, as "Wales' voice on the world"

UNAE50

Oct 2023

UNA Exchange was formally launched alongside WCIA, taking over International Youth Service (IYS) volunteering projects Europe and worldwide, which continue to this day.

Temple85

Nov 2023

The Temple of Peace & Health was opened on 23 Nov 1938 by 'war mother' Minnie James of Dowlais - gifted to the people of Wales by Lord Davies of Llandinam as a 'peace building for peacebuilding'

Devolution25

Sept 2022 / May 2024

The National Assembly for Wales was created by referendum on 18 Sept 1997, and met for the 1st time in the Senedd on 12 May 1999. The 'Wales for Africa' programme was launched in June 2006.