

William Powell AM  
Chair of the Petitions Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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18<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Bill,

Re: Petition P-04-397 Living Wage

Thank you for your correspondence regarding our petition on the living wage, which the committee will be considering at the next meeting of the committee on Tuesday 25 November 2014.

As you will be aware, Save the Children's Young Ambassadors in Wales were a group of children and young people committed to campaigning on the issue of how a living wage could help support families and children living on a low income in Wales and they submitted the original petition to the Petitions Committee in 2012. The Young Ambassadors are no longer meeting as a structured group but are still in contact with Save the Children and we will be updating them on the consideration and progress of their petition.

Save the Children is an accredited living wage employer and a principle partner of the Living Wage Foundation. Earlier this year we published a Wales briefing of our UK report 'A Fair Start for Every Child', both attached. 'A Fair Start' contains further evidence of the rise of in work poverty and the impact it has on children's lives. We note that the Chartered Business Institute has

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recently stated that employers who can afford to pay the living wage should do so whenever possible.

We are pleased that a meeting of the Workforce Partnership Council will go ahead in December and hope that there will be a full discussion on the importance of paying workers in Wales a living wage including recognition of how paying a living wage can have a positive impact on the lives of children and young people in working families living in poverty.

Yours sincerely

Mary Powell Chandler, Head of Save the Children in Wales

The attachment mentioned above is accessible via the following link:

[Wales briefing of our UK report 'A Fair Start for Every Child'](#)

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