



## The International Day of Peace, September 21st

Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> 2006 has been set as the United Nations' International Day of Peace for 2006. This annual event was proclaimed by the United Nations in 1981. Every year since then, people and organizations across the world have celebrated the day in various ways. They have all worked to support the United Nation's objective that the day should be "*devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples*"

A number of events are taking place in Wales on 21<sup>st</sup> September to celebrate International Day of Peace 2006. As First Minister for Wales I welcome these events and the commitment of people and communities across Wales in supporting the aim of spreading world peace and reconciliation.

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