



Nuclear Free Local Authorities 2014 Annual General Meeting, Steering Committee and Policy Seminar

Friday November 28th, 2014

Diamond Jubilee Room, City Chambers, 253 High St, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ

The 2014 Nuclear Free Local Authorities Annual General Meeting, Steering Committee and Annual Policy Seminar takes place in the capital city of Scotland, Edinburgh. The NFLA Secretariat sincerely thanks Councillor Nick Gardner in Edinburgh City Council for agreeing to host the AGM, which rotates around the four NFLA National Forums.

There will be three meetings over the day and they are open for attendance to all NFLA member authorities in Wales, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, and to all individual NFLA members. The business meetings are also opened out to *observe* for non member authorities. The afternoon seminar is open to all councillors, council officers and interested environmental and nuclear concerned groups.

All meetings will be held in the Diamond Jubilee Room (Old Council Chamber) of Edinburgh City Chambers in the Old Town, opposite St Giles Cathedral on the High Street / Royal Mile. A light buffet lunch will be available.

The NFLA Steering Committee will meet from 10.00am – 11.30am. The Steering Committee determines and approves all NFLA policy, receiving reports on various aspects of nuclear policy from the NFLA Secretariat. It is made up of elected members and council officers from the four constituent NFLA National Forums (All Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales).

The NFLA Annual General Meeting (AGM) follows directly on from the Steering Committee at 11.30am – 12.30pm. The AGM will elect the NFLA Steering Committee Chair and agree NFLA Vice Chairs representing the four National Forums. It will also discuss and approve the NFLA financial report and affiliation fees, the NFLA Service Plan, Annual NFLA reports and its formal Terms of Reference and Constitution.

Lunch will be held between 12.30pm – 1.15pm.

The NFLA AGM Policy Seminar follows lunch and takes place between 1.30pm – 3.30pm. The seminar will include presentations from CND General Secretary Kate Hudson, the NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor Pete Roche, and Rob Edwards, an independent freelance environmental journalist who provides articles for The Guardian, Sunday Herald and the New Scientist.

A detailed flyer for the seminar follows below, along with information on Edinburgh and how to get to the city for delegates. Non member authorities and environmental / nuclear concerned group delegates should fill in the registration form at the end of this information pack and return to the NFLA Secretary, Sean Morris, using the details on the form.



**Nuclear Free Local Authorities Steering Committee -
2014 Annual Policy Seminar**

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Future nuclear policy trends in 2015 – a critical year

After the momentous events of the Scottish independence referendum dominated politics in 2014, there are a number of equally critical events which will dominate the nuclear policy agenda in 2015. These include the Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty at the United Nations in April / May, a pivotal UK general election in May, constitutional discussions over devolution across the UK expected throughout the year, and the possibility of an earlier general election in the Republic of Ireland.

2015 will also be a pivotal year in radioactive waste management policy, nuclear new build, the future energy mix for England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland and whether the Trident nuclear weapons system should be replaced. 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings. And 4 years after the Fukushima disaster, what impact may this disaster still have on national and international nuclear policy? At the end of 2015 there will also be a major UN Conference on Climate Change in Paris, which has to deliver a successor to the Kyoto Treaty.

Each political party across the British and Irish Isles will be presently formalising their policy stances on all these matters. What should they be? How can NFLA and other groups influence this policy agenda? And what impact may the nuclear disasters at Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Fukushima continue to have on national and international nuclear policy?

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| 1.15pm | Registration |
| 1.30pm | Welcomes: Councillor Nick Gardner, NFLA representative for Edinburgh City Council and Councillor Mark Hackett, NFLA Steering Committee Chair. |
| 1.40pm | Rethinking Trident and changing the political discourse on nuclear weapons – Kate Hudson, General Secretary, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (confirmed) |
| 2.05pm | Nuclear power – an unnecessary distraction from the critical challenge of developing low carbon policies to mitigate climate change? Pete Roche, NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor (confirmed) |
| 2.30pm | Fukushima – still a major risk to a nuclear renaissance? Reflections on a recent Green Cross study tour of Japan – Rob Edwards, Environment Editor, Sunday Herald (confirmed) |
| 2.55pm | Panel discussion chaired by NFLA Scotland Convener, Councillor Bill Butler (for a 3.20pm finish). |

Information on Edinburgh for the AGM

Location and general information –



Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland, and it is located in Lothian on the east coast. It is the home of the Scottish Parliament and is the second largest city in Scotland, and seventh largest city in the UK with a population of over 487,000.

The city is one of the liveliest and most popular in the UK with an excellent selection of hotels, restaurants, shops and cultural and sporting institutions. In late November it will also be hosting a Christmas market and other leisure events.

Edinburgh City Chambers is situated in the City's Old Town and is a 10 minute walk from Edinburgh Waverley Train Station. To access the City Chambers from the Train Station walk down North Bridge to the junction of High Street and the Royal Mile, turning right, the City Chambers is around 150 metres further up on the right hand side. It is directly opposite St Giles Cathedral on the long High Street / Royal Mile which connects Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace and the Scottish Parliament.

By public transport

10 minutes walk from Edinburgh Waverley Station

30 minutes from Edinburgh International Airport

(via tram, bus or taxi)



Getting Accommodation in Edinburgh -

There is an excellent selection of hotels in Edinburgh, many close to the City Chambers.

The NFLA Secretariat recommends that attendees consult the official Visit Scotland website – <http://www.visitscotland.com> or the Visiting Edinburgh website– <http://vistingedinburgh.com>. These provide information on hotels and what to see and do in the city.

Getting to Edinburgh -

Edinburgh is easily accessible by car and rail, with excellent air connections to all major UK and Irish cities. It has regular rail connections with London Kings Cross, Birmingham New Street, Manchester Piccadilly and all the main town and cities in Scotland. Trains take around 4.5 hours from London, 3.5 hours from Manchester, 4.5 hours from Birmingham, 6-7 hours from Cardiff, 50 minutes from Glasgow and 1 hour from Dundee and Perth.

Edinburgh has the M8 motorway coming into the city from the west and the M9 motorway from the north. There are pay and display spaces on Market Street behind the City Chambers. There are multi-storey car parks on Blackfriars Street (EH1 1TH), Castle Terrace (EH1 2EN), the Omni Centre (EH1 3AN), the St James Centre (EH1 3WW), St Mary's Street (EH1 1TA) and Waverley Station (EH1 1BB).

Edinburgh International Airport is around 10 miles from the city and its website is: <http://www.edinburghairport.com>

There is a direct tram connection from Edinburgh Airport to the city centre (New Town). Trams run every 8 – 12 minutes and take around 35 minutes to the city centre. A single ticket is £5 and a return ticket £8.

Lothian Bus Airlink 100 to Edinburgh City Centre and Lothian Bus 35 to Ocean Terminal also regularly go from the airport to the city centre, taking around 25 - 30 minutes.

There are connections to the following UK and Irish cities from Edinburgh Airport:

Cardiff International	Airline
Belfast International	Easyjet
Belfast City	Flybe
Birmingham	Flybe
Bristol	Easyjet
Cardiff	Cityjet
Cork	Aer Lingus Regional
Dublin	Aer Lingus Regional and Ryanair
East Midlands	Flybe
Gatwick	Easyjet and British Airways
Heathrow	British Airways and Virgin Red
Manchester	Flybe
Shannon	Aer Lingus Regional
Stornoway	Loganair
Sumburgh	Loganair

If you have any further queries please contact the NFLA Secretary, Sean Morris, on 00 44 (0)161 234 3244 or s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk.



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Registration Details

The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers and local interested community groups. It is also available to non member authorities and local NGOs interested in these issues.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and email, post or fax to the address at the bottom of this form:

Name	Local Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

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