



**Nuclear Free Local Authorities English Forum / Steering Committee
International Peace Day Special Seminar
Nuclear and uranium weapons proliferation – can it be halted?
Friday September 21st, Room 301, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 3NY
In association with the Mayors for Peace and ICBUW**

As part of the celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace, the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) Steering Committee will be holding a special seminar on whether it is possible to halt the proliferation of both nuclear and depleted uranium weapons across the world.

One of the most pressing concerns in the world today is the possibility that Iran may be developing a nuclear weapons programme. As the US Presidential campaign nears its conclusion, the media continue to raise the prospects of an Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear facilities. At the same time, concerns remain over the development of North Korea's nuclear weapons programme and recent nuclear weapons tests in India and Pakistan. All of the big five' nuclear weapons states – the United States, Russia, the UK, France and China – are proposing large increases in their budgets for developing a new generation of nuclear weapons.

This is all taking place despite a productive Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) Conference in Vienna and major international security concerns over the possible use of a device containing radioactive materials by a terrorist organisation in a large city.

Parallel concerns exist globally about the continued use of depleted uranium weapons which a number of states, including the UK, possess. In mid July, for example, the UK Ministry of Defence argued that such weapons could be legally used in international armed conflicts.

This NFLA seminar, which follows directly after Manchester City Council's Peace Day event, will consider these issues. It is FREE to attend and open to councillors, council officers and members of interested NGOs.

FINAL PROGRAMME

10.00am	NFLA Steering Committee (strictly for NFLA members only). Concludes 11.30.
11.45am	Manchester City Council's International Peace Day event, Albert Square – Opening speeches about International Peace Day and the Mayors for Peace.
12.00pm	A minutes silence led by the Lord Mayor of Manchester as part of the Mayors for Peace's 'Minute of Silence – Moment of Peace' initiative.
12.02pm	Official opening of the Manchester Food & Drink Festival and the Manchester Peace Festival by the Lord Mayor of Manchester.
12.05pm	Music from the group Classical Revolution – Barber's Adagio for Strings. Poetry by torture survivors organised by the Musicians without Borders 'Stone Flowers' project. Held in partnership with the group Freedom from Torture.
12.30pm	Event concludes, though festivities continue throughout the afternoon.
12.45pm	Seminar Registration, Room 301, Manchester Town Hall
1.00pm	Welcome: Councillor Brian Goodall, NFLA Chair
1.05pm	Peter Burt, Nuclear Information Service – can nuclear weapons proliferation be avoided?
1.30pm	Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary / UK Mayors for Peace Secretary – the role of NFLA and Mayors for Peace in lobbying for a Nuclear Weapons Convention
1.55pm	Doug Weir, Coordinator of the International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW) – the campaign for a Uranium Weapons Convention
2.20pm	Panel discussion led by the new NFLA Chair
3.00pm	Conclusion, seminar ends.



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Registration Details

The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA and Mayors for Peace members and officers and local interested community groups. It is also available to non member authorities 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. If your authority is not a NFLA member and you wish to observe the NFLA Steering Committee and the NFLA AGM in the same location in the morning of the 25th November (9.30am – 12pm) then please indicate below.

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

Please return this form to: Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary –
s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk Tel: UK - 0161 234 3244. From Republic of Ireland - 00 44 161 234 3244. (Blackberry 00 44 (0)7771 930196). NFLA Secretariat, c/o Manchester City Council Planning & Building Control, P.O. Box 532, Manchester, M60 2LA.

For further information on the NFLA, Mayors for Peace and ICBUW:
NFLA – <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>
Mayors for Peace – <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org> and <http://www.2020visioncampaign.org>
ICBUW – <http://www.bandepleteduranium.org> and <http://www.cadu.org.uk>