



Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland Seminar
Nuclear proliferation & Trident Replacement –
what's the best result for Scotland?
Date: Friday February 26th, 2010
Location: Civic Centre, Inverkeithing, Fife

In May 2010 the United Nations will be reviewing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference, the cornerstone of the nuclear weapons reduction regime. Around the same time the UK will hold a critical general election in the midst of one of the worst economic recessions in its history. Decisions over the UK Trident nuclear submarine replacement programme are likely to be one of the issues to be discussed – can the UK afford it and how does it fit in with nuclear non-proliferation commitments it will make to the UN?

Gordon Brown has said he wishes to reduce the number of Trident replacement submarines from 4 to 3 and take a full and active part in the NPT. This is a major issue for Scottish politics as the Ministry of Defence has indicated that it is considering basing **all** of the Trident submarines in Faslane off the west coast of Scotland. This seminar is also being hosted by Fife Council a site for a number of redundant submarines in Rosyth, who are taking an active interest in the debate over nuclear proliferation and Trident replacement. This seminar is open to all interested councillors, officers and NGOs across Scotland.

DRAFT PROGRAMME (speakers may be subject to change)

- 10.30am NFLA Scotland business and Annual General meeting (*NFLA members only – to 12pm*) followed by lunch
- 12.45pm **Registration:** Tea/Coffee
- 1.15pm **Welcome:** Councillor Euan McLeod, NFLA Scotland Convenor
- 1.20pm What is the current status of Trident replacement in the UK? John Ainslie, Co-ordinator of Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (confirmed)
- 1.45pm Revd Ian Galloway, Church of Scotland, member of Scottish Parliamentary Committee on Nuclear Weapons – should Scotland say 'no' to nuclear weapons? (confirmed)
- 2.15pm Louise Edge, Greenpeace – can Scotland and the UK afford a Trident replacement programme? (invited)
- 2.40pm The work of the Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non Proliferation and Disarmament in the run up to the NPT – Bill Kidd MSP and PNND Council Member (confirmed)
- 3.05pm Panel discussion
- 3.30pm **Conclusion**



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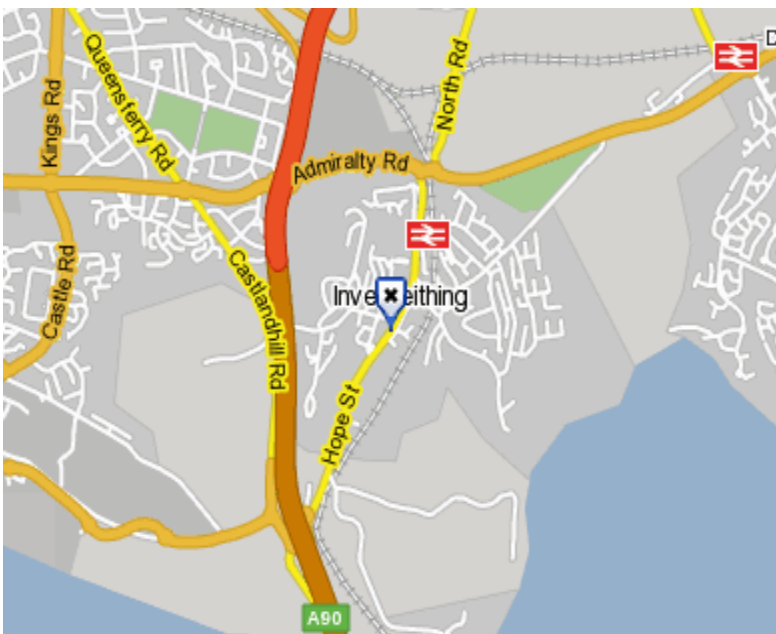
The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers and local interested community groups.

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

Name	Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

Venue and details of accommodation:

Inverkeithing Civic Centre is at 10 Queen Street, Inverkeithing, KY11 1PA



Queen Street is 5 minutes walk from Inverkeithing Railway Station.

Inverkeithing has a very regular train service with connections every 10 – 15 minutes with Edinburgh Waverley. Connections from Glasgow Queen Street go via Edinburgh Haymarket.

Hotels in Inverkeithing can be booked by going to the website:

<http://www.visitfife.com> or
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