



Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland Seminar
**Key nuclear issues in Scotland – nuclear power,
radioactive waste and Trident in Scotland**
Date: Friday 31st August, 2012, 12.45pm – 2.30pm
Location: Council Chamber, City Chambers, Glasgow, G2 1DU

The summer NFLA Scotland seminar will consider a number of highly relevant nuclear issues affecting Scotland. It will help to educate new and existing councillors of the key issues of concern in the nuclear weapons and energy debates in Scotland.

There has been much recent concern in Scotland over radioactive materials found on the beaches at Dalgety Bay in Fife and at Dounreay in Caithness. There is also concern about the movement of highly radioactive material from Dounreay across the rail network of Scotland to Sellafield. Media reports suggest as well that there are other Scottish sites where radioactive contamination may have taken place. The seminar will seek to provide an overview of such matters and the NFLA and SEPA view on these developments.

Scotland has also taken a quite different policy direction to England and Wales over its energy policy, firmly rejecting the development of new nuclear power stations. But can it develop low carbon alternatives quickly enough to plug medium-term gaps in its energy production? This seminar will highlight a new NFLA Scotland report which shows how the country can follow the German example and also show England and Wales how effective renewable energy, microgeneration and energy efficiency can be in Scotland's future energy mix.

A major current debate that has been taking place in the UK Parliament's Scottish Affairs Select Committee is over the position of Trident in Scotland. An influential CND Scotland report was discussed by the Select Committee and will be profiled in detail in the seminar.

This FREE seminar will consider these issues and allow for open discussion. The seminar is open to all interested councillors and officers in Scotland, and relevant local groups.

PROGRAMME (may be subject to change)

10.00am	NFLA Scotland business meeting (strictly NFLA members only) and lunch
12.30pm	Registration: Tea/Coffee
12.50pm	Welcome: Councillor Fariha Thomas, NFLA Scotland Convenor
12.55pm	Pete Roche, NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor – an overview of radioactive waste issues in Scotland (confirmed)
1.20pm	Speaker from Scottish Environmental Protection Agency – SEPA's policy towards clean-up at Dalgety Bay, Dounreay and other contaminated sites (confirmed)
1.45pm	Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary – NFLA Scotland's report on renewable alternatives to nuclear power (confirmed)
2.10pm	John Ainslie, Co-ordinator, CND Scotland – Disarming Trident: a practical guide to nuclear disarmament in Scotland (confirmed)
2.35pm	Panel discussion
3.00pm	Conclusion



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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 hotel details:

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The nearest hotel to City Chambers is the Premier Inn George Square, which is behind the City Chambers – phone 0870 238 3320 to book a room. For other hotels please consult the 'See Glasgow' website – <http://www.seeglasgow.com>

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