



Nuclear Free Local Authorities Welsh Forum Autumn Seminar:
Wales, nuclear & its alternatives – are they comfortable partners or should there be an amicable divorce?
Wednesday 24th October 2012
Function Room A, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4UW

Over the last few months both the Welsh Government and the Welsh Assembly have published detailed reviews of future energy use in the country. In its 2012 Energy Statement, the Welsh Government has committed Wales to a large increase in the use of renewable energy. It has also supported the development of a new nuclear power station in Wylfa, Anglesey. In its wholesale review of Welsh energy policy, the Welsh Assembly's Environment and Sustainability Committee endorsed the moves towards increased renewable energy production and energy efficiency. A majority view of the committee endorsed support for Wylfa B, but it was not the committee's overall view. The Nuclear Free Local Authorities have played a focal part in this debate, submitting its views to the Government and the Committee and being asked to give a verbal response to the Committee.

In March 2012 the proposed developers of Wylfa B - German utilities RWE Npower and E-on's 'Horizon Partnership', dramatically announced that they would be pulling out of developing a new nuclear reactor at Wylfa. The site has been put up for sale amidst rumours of Chinese, Russian, French, Japanese and American consortiums buying Horizon. To date, no decision has been made which means that there remains a major question mark over the development of a new reactor in Anglesey. Presently a proposed new nuclear reactor is at the planning inquiry stage at Hinkley Point across Cardiff Bay in Somerset, but even this site is beset with financing, safety assessment and other problems. What are the chances of new nuclear build taking place in (and close by to) Wales and what are the alternatives? What are the most effective energy solutions to the wider problem of climate change and what does the Welsh public think about them?

Meanwhile, following the recent debate in Scotland over an independence referendum in 2014, Welsh First Minister Carwyn Jones has publicly stated his view that Trident nuclear submarines could be relocated to Milford Haven in Pembrokeshire. Should Wales offer to host the UK nuclear weapons system, and is Milford Haven a suitable site for it?

This NFLA Welsh Forum seminar will consider these issues with some thought-provoking presentations. It will allow for discussion on the pros and cons of nuclear power and nuclear weapons in Wales, and their alternatives.

This FREE seminar has been organised by the Nuclear Free Local Authorities Welsh Forum and is open to councillors and officers in all Welsh councils, Welsh Assembly members and MPs and interested nuclear and environmental community groups.

PROGRAMME (subject to change)

10.30am	Registration
10.55am	Welcome: Councillor Ed Bridges, Cardiff City Council and NFLA Welsh Forum Joint Chair
11.00am	Wylfa B and its alternatives – A Manifesto for Anglesey? Carl Clowes, 'People Against Wylfa B' profiles its 'Manifesto for Mon – An Outline for Sustainable Employment in Anglesey' (confirmed).
11.25pm	Climate change and Welsh energy policy – a citizen's inquiry. Dr Kelvin Mason from Cardiff University outlines a project to organise a citizen's inquiry considering the pros and cons of the various energy solutions being suggested for Wales (invited).
11.50pm	Developing a renewable energy revolution in Wales and the positive role Councils can play in its delivery – Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary (confirmed).
12.15pm	Milford Haven Port & Trident – a realistic alternative to Faslane? Rhodri Glyn Thomas AM outlines his concerns about the First Minister's suggestion that the Pembrokeshire port could be a potential site for Trident nuclear submarines (invited).
12.45pm	Panel discussion chaired by Councillor Sue Lent, Cardiff City Council.
1.30pm	Conclusion



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http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=2867,2903,2915,4452,5922,5928&parent_directory_id=2865

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Nuclear Free Local Authorities would like to thank Councillor Ed Bridges, Councillor Sue Lent and officers in Cardiff City Council for hosting this seminar.