



Nuclear Free Local Authorities Welsh Forum Spring Seminar:
Future energy and nuclear non-proliferation scenarios –
key update for Welsh local authorities
Friday 12th April 2013
Council Chamber, Torfaen Civic Centre, Pontypool, NP4 6YB

Much discussion is taking place over the future direction of UK and Welsh energy policy on what will be the suitable energy mix to both ensure energy security- 'keeping the lights on' – and how to reduce fuel poverty – 'keeping the bills down'.

As a country with a high and increasing level of fuel poverty, Wales needs to be fully engaged with the future direction of its energy policy and is the location for some of the main strands of this debate – a major carbon capture and storage demonstration facility can be found in Barry, one of the main proposed new nuclear power stations is being considered for Wylfa in North Wales, whilst a passionate debate is ongoing over the benefits of wind and tidal energy and potentially now even shale gas extraction at various sites in Wales. Which of these should be pursued by energy companies and policy-makers for Wales? What are the benefits of energy efficiency to Wales? And how do we ensure adequate energy security and cost effectiveness? How can Welsh Councils play their part in this discussion and policy changes? This seminar will consider Welsh energy futures and recent developments which challenge nuclear, renewable, gas and other energy sources.

This seminar will also consider the ongoing debate with the UK nuclear weapons programme and where it will be stationed. With the Scottish independence vote in 2014, will a nuclear free Scotland mean a nuclear weapons Wales? Should up to £100 billion be spent on the Trident nuclear weapons replacement programme at a time of great austerity across the public sector, and particularly local government? And how can Welsh Councils have a voice on such matters through groups like NFLA and Mayors for Peace in what will be a critical year in the global debate on nuclear weapons proliferation?

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 kindly being hosted by Torfaen County Borough Council. It 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 Jessica Powell, Torfaen County Borough Council and Councillor Ray Davies, Caerphilly County Borough Council and NFLA Welsh Forum Co-Chair
11.00am	Can Hitachi fund, develop and deliver a new nuclear power station at Wylfa B? And can EDF do the same for Hinkley Point? Dr Carl Clowes, PAWB (invited)
11.25pm	Welsh energy needs in the next two decades – can a mix of renewables, energy efficiency and microgeneration be sufficient? Neil Crumpton, independent energy consultant (confirmed)
11.50pm	Public engagement in energy policy – the development of citizen energy panels in Wales. Dr Kelvin Mason, School of Geography, Cardiff University (invited)
12.15pm	Nuclear free Scotland, nuclear weapon Wales? Nuclear non-proliferation, Trident and the role of NFLA and Mayors for Peace. Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary and UK Mayors for Peace Working Group Secretary (confirmed)
12.45pm	Panel discussion chaired by Councillor Ed Bridges, Cardiff City Council and NFLA Welsh Forum Co-Chair
1.30pm	Conclusion



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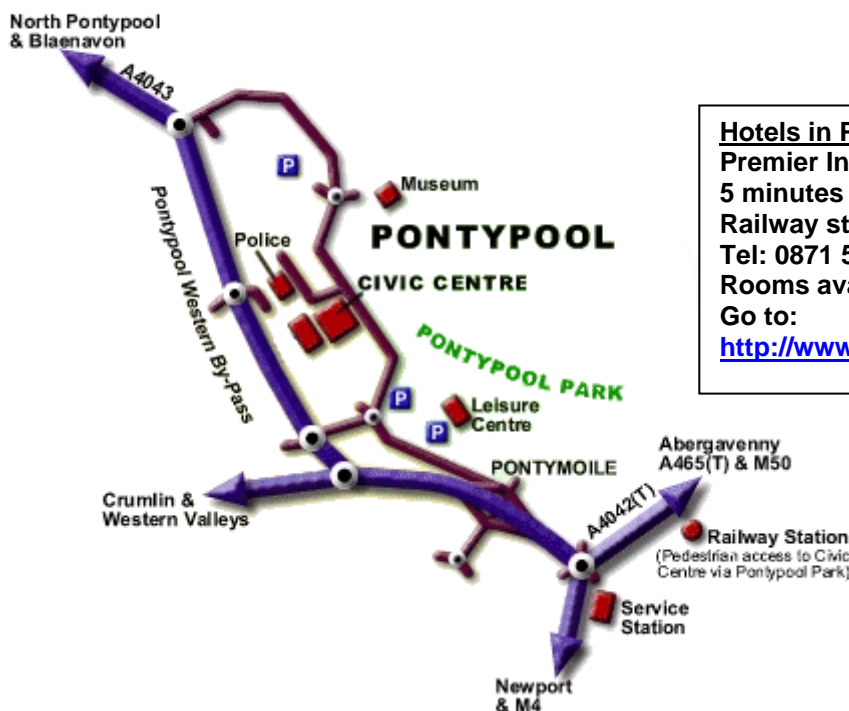
The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers, non member councils and interested local groups.

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