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Useful website / partner links:

NFLA: <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>
CNFE: <http://www.cnfe.eu>
Mayors for Peace: <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>
2020 Vision: <http://www.2020visioncampaign.org>
KIMO: <http://www.kimointernational.org>
ICAN-UK: <http://www.ican-uk.org>



Hiroshima Peace Park and the Cenotaph to the victims of the atomic bombings.

NFLA launches LA energy report

The NFLA Secretariat has published its own detailed report analysing how Councils are progressing with the development of more comprehensive energy policies.

The NFLA report looks at the development of Council Energy Service Companies (or ESCO's). A number of Councils

are considering the ways to develop them as drivers of low carbon renewable electricity.

The report considers the wider energy policy debate and provides an outline on how an ESCO can be developed.

It also analyses reports by the IPPR and the 'Green New Deal' which

provide detail to Councils on taking such energy policies forward.

International examples like Munich, Copenhagen and Vienna are looked at as radical ways forward.

The NFLA report argues bold action could realise LA decentralised energy. The report is on the NFLA website.

The world remembers Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombings

In ceremonies in Hiroshima & Nagasaki, replicated in many towns & cities around the world, the victims of the atomic bombs, and of conflicts over the past 69 years, were remembered.

In their Annual Peace Declarations, both the Mayors of Hiroshima & Nagasaki mentioned the importance of

working with other towns and cities, and disarmament NGOs, for a nuclear weapons free world.

The ceremonies in Japan are held in the presence of the Prime Minister of Japan and Ambassadors of over 60 countries.

Ceremonies were also held by NFLA and Mayors for Peace members

across Britain and Ireland on August 6th and 9th 2014.

Preparations are now taking place for events marking the seventieth anniversary of the A-bombings in 2015. These events include a 3 day major conference in Ypres, the NPT Review Conference in New York and the 'I Was Her Age' tour.

NFLA media releases
August 2014:
(On NFLA website.)

- NFLA launches major LA energy policy paper
- Why has it taken 9 months to close Heysham & Hartlepool after safety issue was discovered?
- NFLA remembers the 69th anniversary of the Hiroshima & Nagasaki atomic bombings and supports civic events across UK & Ireland

NFLA TO ATTEND
UPCOMING NUCLEAR
EP AND NUCLEAR
SECURITY MEETINGS

The NFLA Secretary is one of a small number of NGO reps who will be attending a September DECC workshop in London looking at ways to improve warning and informing the public around nuclear sites in the event of an emergency.

DECC are also setting up a meeting to consider engagement with NGOs over the sensitive area of nuclear security, which the NFLA is clearly interested in. Policy briefings on both are currently being developed by the NFLA.

NFLA responds to SEPA consultation on Scottish waste

NFLA Scotland has sent a detailed response in to SEPA giving its views on EDF's application to amend waste transfer authorisations between Hunterston & Torness.

EDF are requesting significant changes in the way it transfers low and intermediate level radioactive waste bet-

ween the two sites and other nuclear sites. It is also looking to send more of its waste for incineration and for 'recycling'.

The NFLA opposes such moves, believing it to be a significant breach of the 'concentrate and contain rather than dilute and disperse

principle'. The Scottish Government's policy also appears to be ignored in key areas. There is real concern from NFLA of a likely increase of road transports of radioactive waste, with all their ensuing risks.

The full response and media release is on the NFLA website.

NFLA raise safety concerns on Heysham & Hartlepool closure

The NFLA has raised in a media release concerns about why it has taken 9 months from identifying a structural problem with the boiler spine at Heysham No.1 nuclear reactor, for EDF to finally decide to close down identical equipment at the four reactors of the Heysham and Hartlepool nuclear power stations.

A crack was identified on the boiler spine in November 2013, but more detailed inspections only began in June, and were considered serious enough to require closure of the four reactors in August.

The reactors will be out of action for at least 8 weeks. With planned

outages at Dungeness and Hunterston sites it meant around 25% of UK nuclear output was temporarily out of action for a period.

NFLA note other nuclear safety concerns at Dungeness and Sellafield shows the fragility of the UK's ageing nuclear plants.

NFLA autumn meetings and seminars take shape

The dates and locations of the four NFLA Forums meetings in autumn are now almost finalised.

The NFLA English Forum is holding a

seminar in Oxford on defence nuclear safety issues on October 24th.

NFLA Scotland is meeting in Perth on October 31st with an energy seminar.

The NFLA Welsh Forum is planning to meet in Cardiff, and a meeting of the NFLA All Ireland Forum in Dublin on key nuclear / energy issues is being arranged, both in November.

NFLA agree to co-sponsor UN event for weapons abolition

NFLA letters to media, August 2014: (emailed to members)

- Government needs to fully support the renewables revolution
- It is time to reassess the costs & risks of Dounreay
- Is Plymouth a sensible location for Trident relocation?
- The urgent need to democratise our energy!



The NFLA Chair with the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at last year's Mayors for Peace Executive Conference meeting.



The Hiroshima A-bomb Memorial Dome, Japan.

The NFLA have agreed to be one of a large number of sponsoring organisations to a UN event commemorating the first International Day for the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons.

The September event is being held at the UN's offices in Geneva and is

being organised by a new initiative called 'Unfold Zero'.

The day was instituted by the United Nations in a resolution passed on September 26th, 2013. 'Unfold Zero' was set up in May 2014 to provide a platform for governments, parliaments and civil society to mark this

notable anniversary.

The UN event will include representatives from the Governments of Kazakhstan, Mexico, Indonesia and Austria, from Mayors for Peace and from PNND. NFLA members are asked to support the day through supportive events & media releases.

Mayors for Peace questionnaire goes out to members

The NFLA Secretary, in his role as Manchester's Mayors for Peace UK and Ireland Secretary, has written to its 90 members seeking co-operation in the launch of a UK and Ireland Chapter. Many of these members are also in the NFLA, so its members have been encouraged to support it as well.

A discussion paper and questionnaire was sent to all members and a request to attend a special meeting in Manchester on the 3rd October.

The Mayors for Peace agreed in August 2013 that national chapters should be set up, along with a system of

voluntary membership fees and changes to the Hiroshima and Ypres Secretariats.

NFLA members who are also in Mayors for Peace are strongly encouraged to complete the 3 page questionnaire & attend the meeting, which will be chaired by the Lord Mayor of Manchester.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

NFLA SC, Town Hall, Manchester, 3rd October

UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Working Group, Town Hall, Manchester, 3rd October

NFLA English Forum, Oxford Town Hall, 24th October.

NFLA Scotland Forum, Perth & Kinross Council Offices, 31st October.

NFLA Welsh Forum, Cardiff County Hall, 7th November.

NFLA All Ireland Forum, City Hall, Dublin, 14th November (tbc).