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Dr Alfred Korblien gives the keynote address to the Low Level Radiation Conference in Manchester

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LLRH Conference 'KIKK's' off

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The NFLA was a co-sponsor to the 25th anniversary Low Level Radiation and Health Conference, which was held in Manchester on the 19th June.

Keynote speakers were Professor Wolfgang Weiss and Dr Alfred Korblein, who were involved in production of the German

Government's 'KIKK' report on increased child cancers within 5kms of nuclear reactors.

They confirmed the KIKK study was not a chance result but statistically significant. A study is now taking place on the causes of such cancers and whether other environmental factors play a part.

Other speakers considered radiation induced bystander effects, very low level radiation, the health effects on nuclear test veterans and issues around radioactive waste.

ALL presentations from this conference will shortly be placed on the NFLA website.

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At a full Council meeting on the 30th June Perth and Kinross Council agreed to join the NFLA.

The decision follows a members briefing provided by the NFLA Chair and NFLA Secretary and relates to concerns the Council has with a number of nuclear issues – nuclear material

transportation, safety, radioactive waste and the alternatives to nuclear power.

Councillor Peter Mulheron from Perth and Kinross Council has assisted greatly in the Council's decision and they will be a welcome new member of NFLA Scotland.

NFLA Chair, Bailie

George Regan commented: "I am delighted that Perth and Kinross have decided to join the NFLA at this important time in the nuclear debate. We will work closely with them to highlight nuclear health and safety issues and the better alternatives to nuclear energy."



The NFLA has moved!

The NFLA office has now moved to Manchester's new Council offices at 1 First Street (picture above), which is off Whitworth Street West. This will be its home for the next 4 years as Manchester Town Hall extension is refurbished.

Some future NFLA Steering Committee meetings will be held there. It is 5 minutes walk from Oxford Road train station and G-Mex Metrolink tram station, and 10 minutes walk from Manchester Town Hall.

**NFLA letters to the media in June 2010
*All can be found on the NFLA website:***

- The nuclear waste legacy and the Olympics
- Why won't the new Government discuss Trident openly?
- Magnox extensions – what about our wider environmental commitments?
- £4 billion extra for nuclear - and we want to build more?
- Sellafield's poor safety culture shows the danger of nuclear new build
- Scots are right to favour wind farms and oppose new nuclear

Olympic Stadium site built near radioactive waste dump

An article in 'The Guardian' newspaper has uncovered that parts of the Olympic Games site in east London contains radium, thorium and low level radioactive waste putting at jeopardy the potential for future residential development on the site.

Using the Freedom of Information Act, the newspaper uncovered that upto 100 tonnes had been buried in a site adjacent to the stadium site. The article noted it was unclear where the waste originated from or how it would be dealt with for future development of the site.

The NFLA Chair wrote in to the Guardian noting his deep concern and emphasising the continuing problems in dealing with the extensive waste legacy.

Further clarification on the waste and the site will be pursued by the NFLA.

NFLA Wales hears that Wales does not need new nuclear

The NFLA Wales Forum held a useful and highly informative seminar considering the possible building of a Wylfa B nuclear reactor and what alternatives lay in Wales.

Speaking in Caernarfon, Gwynedd Dr Carl Clowes outlined the economic, social and environmental concerns

that local people in Anglesey have over new build on the island.

Gerry Wolff of the Energy Fair group noted that new build may only be possible by public subsidy and highlighted the hidden subsidies that might be provided.

NFLA Secretary Sean Morris put forward its

submission to the nuclear new build consultations. Neil Crumpton of Bellona UK concluded showing that Wales could follow the Scottish example and develop a renewable (non nuclear) energy solution.

Presentations will be on the NFLA website shortly.

NFLA Scotland holds passionate debate on waste policy

NFLA Scotland held a robust debate about future directions in Scottish radioactive waste policy at its meeting in Livingston.

Professor Brian Clark of

CoRWM outlined its submission to the Scottish Government's consultation on higher activity radioactive waste.

Ian Fairlie and Pete

Roche also reported the submissions of SCCORS and NFLA Scotland.

Presentations will be on the NFLA website shortly.



Tracy Morris talks about the plight of British nuclear test veterans at the LLRH Conference

NFLA media releases in May 2010:
All are on the NFLA website:

- LLRH / NFLA joint release – New nuclear build and new radiation paradigm
- How safe are our nuclear material shipments through the Irish Sea?
- How should Scottish radioactive waste policy develop?
- Report by the NFLA shows that local councils lack knowledge to handle a nuclear weapons accident

Consultations NFLA has replied to in June:

- DECC consultation on fixed unit price for new nuclear reactors
- European Commission consultation on waste

New consultations:

- Environment Agency consultation on new reactor designs
- MOD consultation on nuclear submarine decommissioning

NFLA plans emergency planning seminar in Manchester

The NFLA Secretariat has published two policy briefings which highlight potential worrying gaps in nuclear emergency planning.

Briefing 74 looks at the transport of nuclear weapons and gaps in local training and

exercises.

Briefing 75 highlights a perceived gap in knowledge and planning for dealing with radioactive materials shipments over the Irish Sea.

Both briefings have been sent to Councils and will be placed on

the NFLA website. Parliamentary questions have now been asked.

A seminar on nuclear emergency planning issues is being devised from this and it is hoped will be held in Manchester council offices in September. Details of the speakers will follow soon.

NFLA news in brief

NFLA at 30: NFLA is continuing development of its 30th anniversary this November with the Mayor of Nagasaki its guest. The next NFLA newsletter will publicise all the events being organised.

CoRWM and NGOs: the NFLA participated in a dialogue with CoRWM

on its engagement with community and activist groups. A useful debate was held and further meetings are planned.

Glasgow to join Mayors for Peace board: Glasgow City Council is to join the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign board. The decision will be formally approved at a

UK meeting in September.

Nuclear submarines consultation: The NFLA Secretary is taking part in discussions to progress a major consultation on the decommissioning of submarines. The consultation is expected in September.

Forthcoming meetings

PLEASE NOTE – DUE TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE FOR JULY / AUGUST.

NFLA Scotland – City Chambers, Glasgow, 10th September.

NFLA SC & NFLA England nuclear EP seminar, – Manchester, 17th September.

NFLA Wales seminar – Aberyswyth, October (date and location tbc).

NFLA All Ireland seminar – Fingal, October (date and location tbc).

NFLA 30th anniversary events with the Mayor of Nagasaki – Manchester Town Hall and other venues – 4th and 5th November 2010.