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### **Useful website 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>

## Key NFLA energy report developed

The NFLA Secretariat is finalising a major policy briefing which considers the way local authorities can develop more definitive & expansive energy policies.

Many Councils are considering developing 'Local Authority Energy Service Companies' or ESCOs. These have been gaining traction as

a way Councils can develop comprehensive policies to promote low carbon renewable energy, community energy and energy efficiency projects.

The report considers the potential benefits to a Council of such policies, the barriers to overcome and compares the international experience in other European countries.

The report highlights some of the Councils leading the way in this area and a number of current energy projects moving Councils firmly in this direction.

The report will be considered at the NFLA Steering Committee in June and placed on the NFLA website shortly after this meeting.



Bike for Peace founder Tore Naerland meets Pope Francis during Italian part of world tour  
(Source: Bike for Peace)

## Mayors for Peace at the NPT and holds its AGM in Sarajevo

May and June are busy months for the Mayors for Peace, the global local government anti-nuclear weapons group which NFLA regularly co-operates with.

In early May, Mayors for Peace were in New York lobbying national governments at the UN's Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty PrepCom.

This is the last PrepCom before the five yearly review conference in 2015.

The Mayors for Peace delegation met senior UN officials and held an inspiring youth event on the conference fringe.

In the first week of June, the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision will hold its annual general meeting

in Sarajevo City Hall. It will also participate in the Sarajevo Peace Weekend. This brings together many civil society groups close to the centenary of the First World War.

NFLA representatives, on behalf of Manchester City Council, will be present. A full report will be provided in the NFLA's June Newsletter.

**NFLA media releases**  
**May 2014:**  
***(On NFLA website.)***

- NFLA welcome publication of COMARE report on Dalgety Bay
- NFLA share concerns over imminent discharges into Blackwater River in Essex
- NFLA says nuclear is the wrong energy direction for Ireland
- NFLA calls on nuclear sector to reduce alarming number of security breaches
- NFLA concerned over another safety incident at Sellafield
- NFLA responds to NORM waste consultation

**NFLA support CNFE**  
**letter to Commission**

The NFLA cooperated with the Vienna-led Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe, in its letter to the European Commission over unguarded public comments made by a senior member of its Business Competitions team, about the proposed Hinkley Point subsidies deal.

The letter seeks to clarify these comments and urges the Commission to reject the deal.

## NFLA submit views on NORM & Sellafield overseas contracts

In May, the NFLA Secretariat submitted two detailed responses on dealing with radioactive waste.

NFLA responded to the joint UK & Devolved Governments consultation for dealing with naturally occurring radioactive material waste (or NORM).

NFLA argue such low level radioactive waste should be dealt with in the same way as all anthropogenic waste, using sound environmental principles.

NFLA also responded to the UK Government's consultation on the management of the overseas origin nuclear

fuel contracts held in the UK. NFLA argues that, by implementing sound environmental principles to decision-making on overseas spent fuel contracts, reprocessing at Sellafield should be curtailed at a much earlier date.

Both responses are on the NFLA website.

## NFLA to meet IMO Secretary General over transport report

The NFLA has been invited to meet the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) over its concerns with some types of nuclear material shipments.

This follows a detailed NFLA report written by independent marine pollution specialist Tim

Deere-Jones on certain mixed goods shipments, which include nuclear materials, being carried on 'roll on roll off' vessels.

A key part of the report is around a May 2013 fire involving such a ship, 'Atlantic Cartier', in Hamburg. It was loaded with a wide variety of

dangerous goods and uranium hexafluoride.

The report has been sent to the IMO, UK, Irish and the Devolved governments, MPs and trade unions. The IMO meeting will be held in early July.

The report is on the NFLA website.

## NFLA Steering Committee to visit its 34 year old archive

The NFLA Steering Committee will be holding its first meeting after local elections in England and Ireland. This is being held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June in Manchester Town Hall.

The meeting will consider a number of Secretariat reports and consultation responses.

A special tour has also been arranged for members to visit the

NFLA's archive in the reopened Manchester Central Library. The archive contains key documents from the NFLA's rich 34 year history. Contact the Secretary for details.

### **NFLA letters to media,**

**May 2014:**

**(emailed to members)**

- What is being done to other MOD sites contaminated like Dalgety Bay?
- Nuclear not the answer to Ireland's future energy needs
- Unilever should put its hand in its deep pockets and donate to CND for use of its logo
- The real need for public debate over UK nuclear security breaches
- Legality of Hinkley Point contract is part of the reason why it should be rejected

### **Bike for Peace meet UN Secretary General & plan Scottish tour**

In mid May the Bike for Peace delegation met the UN SG Ban Ki-Moon in New York to discuss the Mayors for Peace's 2020 Vision Campaign.

Starting in Edinburgh, the group is coming to Scotland in July. Plans are being developed to visit Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth, Stirling, Faslane, Paisley, Glasgow, the Scottish Parliament and Dalkeith. See the June newsletter for details.

## NFLA raise concerns after publication of Dalgety Bay report

The NFLA welcomes the publication of a report by the independent COMARE group which assesses the public health issues around radium contamination at Dalgety Bay in Fife.

The report had been suppressed for six months, but was leaked to *The Guardian*.

The report notes that the contamination on the beach poses a potential risk to human health. It calls for a swift remediation of the site.

This contamination arises from radium tipped dials found on planes dumped on the site in the 1950s.

NFLA is working with Fife Council and calls on the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to fully clean up the site.

The COMARE report notes a further 25 MOD sites of concern. The NFLA are investigating these. The NFLA media release can be found on its website.

## NFLA to respond to key Irish, Scottish & Welsh consultations

Over May and June the NFLA Secretariat are responding to three key energy and radwaste consultations of interest to its members in Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

In Ireland, the Irish Government has issued a Green Paper looking at the country's future

energy mix. It mentions the possibility of a small nuclear reactor at a site in Co. Clare. NFLA will respond arguing nuclear should never be part of Ireland's energy mix, and has issued a media release on the matter.

In Scotland, the NFLA have put together a model response for the

Scottish Government's renewable heat policy. NFLA are keen this policy is more dynamic and involves Councils.

In Wales, the NFLA are responding to the Welsh Government's radioactive waste policy consultation. All these responses will go on the NFLA website.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**Mayors for Peace board meeting, City Hall, Sarajevo, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**NuLEAF seminar on radwaste regulation issues, London, 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**NFLA Steering Committee and tour of NFLA's restored archive, Manchester Town Hall Extension / Manchester Central Library, 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Bike for Peace global tour arrives in Scotland, 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**NFLA National Forum seminar meetings will be confirmed shortly.**