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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>



Manchester's commemorative plaque for the NFLA's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary – its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary civic event is noted below.

## Hinkley C: China to the rescue?

On a state visit to the UK, the Chinese Government agreed a participation deal with EDF and the UK Government to provide 33% funding for a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point.

EDF now claim that a final investment decision will be made before the end of the year. China has agreed to pay

£6bn and will also part-fund a new reactor at Sizewell. It also plans to take on the Bradwell site to bring forward its own nuclear reactor design.

In its media comment on the decision, NFLA noted its dismay at the deal. It also noted a number of key hurdles remain to the progress of Hinkley C. These include safety

issues that are affecting EDF's reactor design in France, and wider issues with building it. The UK state aid deal is still subject to a legal challenge from Austria and further regulatory assessments are still required. Many commentators are concerned with the deal. The NFLA media release is on the NFLA website.

## Mayors for Peace Executive Cities to meet in Ypres

The Lord Mayor of Manchester and the NFLA Secretary (in his role as UK & Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter Secretary) are preparing for the Mayors for Peace Executive Conference early next month. It will be in Ypres, Belgium.

The Mayors for Peace Executive Conference

is the main decision-making body of the organisation. It will look at its strategy following the failure of the May NPT Review Treaty Conference on nuclear weapons. It will also consider its structure and cooperation with like-minded groups.

Manchester is a Vice President of Mayors for

Peace and will raise the views of its UK and Ireland members. NFLA cooperates with it on nuclear weapon issues.

After the conference, the Hiroshima delegation will be in the UK for official events in both Manchester & London.

A full report of these events will be provided in the November NFLA newsletter.

**NFLA media releases**  
**October 2015:**  
***(On NFLA website.)***

- NFLA holds Irish Forum meeting on key nuclear issues of concern
- NFLA submits its energy vision to Select Committee
- NFLA dismayed by Hinkley C deal between China & UK
- Atlantic Cartier report raises serious safety questions
- NFLA Welsh Forum resolution on nuclear / energy issues
- NFLA welcome Trident resolution

**NFLA RADWASTE**  
**CONSULTATION**  
**RESPONSES**

NFLA are in the process of developing detailed submissions to two important consultations which develop radioactive waste policy in different parts of the UK.

A submission is being made to RWM on how it will develop a geological screening exercise of England, Wales and Northern Ireland for aiding the best potential sites for a deep underground radwaste repository.

NFLA are also replying to the NDA on its 2016 – 2020 strategy. NFLA Radwaste Briefings on both matters will be published in November.

## NFLA Wales seminar leads to detailed nuclear resolution

The NFLA Welsh Forum held a very useful and informative seminar in Cardiff, and agreed a resolution that was issued as a media release.

Roy Pumfrey of 'Stop Hinkley' outlined the prospects and risks of building a Hinkley Point C new nuclear reactor.

David Clubb of Renewable Energy Cymru outlined its concerns over cuts to solar & wind subsidies and the prospects for developing tidal lagoons in Swansea, Newport and Cardiff Bay.

The NFLA Secretary outlined its submission on Welsh radioactive

waste policy and its informative report on post Fukushima nuclear emergency planning.

General Secretary of CND Kate Hudson outlined key progress in the Trident debate.

The agreed resolution of concern can be found on the NFLA website.

## NFLA Ireland seminar looks at sub collisions & new build

The NFLA All Ireland Forum's autumn seminar is considering recent incidents over near collisions between UK submarines and fishing trawlers in the Irish Sea and NE Atlantic.

This follows reports that a UK submarine nearly brought down the nets of the trawler MV Karen off

the coast of Northern Ireland. A similar 'near miss' was also reported off the Donegal coast.

Local South Down MP Margaret Ritchie is the keynote speaker at the Dundalk seminar, along with marine pollution expert Tim Deere-Jones, who will outline the history of such

incidents and wider concerns.

The seminar is also looking at the risks to Ireland of UK new nuclear build & positive developments in the creation of an Irish Radiation Committee in Dublin. A full report will appear in the November newsletter.

## NFLA English Forum will consider defence nuclear safety

The NFLA English Forum holds its autumn seminar in Oxford next month and will look at concerns over UK defence nuclear safety.

Peter Burt will look at

why Aldermaston and other sites are in a third year of 'special measures' by the nuclear regulator.

There will also be presentations from

Nukewatch and ICAN-UK.

The NFLA Secretary will look at the current energy debate. Registration is now open to Councils / NGOs.

**NFLA letters to media,****October 2015:**  
**(emailed to members)**

- With energy policy in flux, pension funds could provide the support for LA energy companies
- As renewables break records, why damage this nascent industry?

**LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER TO HOLD CIVIC RECEPTION FOR NFLA'S 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

2015 represents another milestone in the history of the NFLA as it reaches its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the primary local government voice in the UK and in Ireland on nuclear policy.

As part of the NFLA AGM, a special civic reception is being hosted by the Lord Mayor of Manchester to celebrate this anniversary.

The current Lord Mayor was one of the original signatories to the 1980 Manchester resolution that helped to establish the NFLA. All NFLA members are encouraged to attend this important date in its history. Previous NFLA members and staff will also be organised to this civic reception.

**North Lanarkshire passes no Trident replacement resolution**

The NFLA welcomes the passing of a cross-party resolution by North Lanarkshire Councillors which outlines their concern and opposition to Trident replacement.

The Council's resolution welcomes the role NFLA has played in the nuclear weapons issue within local government

and in partnership with other organisations.

It argues there is no social, economic, moral or military justification for renewing the Trident nuclear programme.

A Parliamentary debate on approving Trident replacement is expected in the next few months.

NFLA is a supporter of the 'Rethink Trident' initiative and the UK branch of the International Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons (ICAN-UK). Over the next few months it will work with such groups to encourage MPs of all parties to rethink the need for Trident .

**NFLA Energy Select Committee report / Atlantic Cartier**

The NFLA Secretariat has submitted a detailed response to the UK Parliament's Energy & Climate Change Committee on its inquiry into how to develop a robust, cost effective low carbon energy network.

The inquiry follows the announcement of cuts

to renewable energy subsidies & the Hinkley C deal. Further details on the NFLA response will be in the November newsletter.

**Atlantic Cartier final report published:**

NFLA welcome the publication of a German accident report on the 2013 fire affecting the

'roll on roll off' vessel 'Atlantic Cartier' in Hamburg port. The vessel was carrying radioactive materials.

The report confirms NFLA concerns of real safety issues with the use of such vessels for moving dangerous materials. See the NFLA website for its analysis.

**Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members**

**Mayors for Peace Exec Conference, City Hall, Ypres, 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Hiroshima Mayor's civic visit to Manchester & London, 14 – 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

**NFLA English Forum, Friends Meeting House, Oxford, 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

**NFLA Scotland business meeting, Town Hall, Manchester, 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

**NFLA SC, UK & Ireland AGM & 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary civic reception, Town Hall, Manchester 4<sup>th</sup> December.**