



‘Cher30byl and Fuku5hima – Beyond Nuclear’ ***Towards a safe, secure and affordable nuclear free future***

A series of four distinct events, in Manchester and London, to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster and the 5th anniversary of the Fukushima disaster. The conference will look at the ongoing effects of these incidents, potential moves away from nuclear power and effective ways to develop renewable, community and decentralised energy solutions.

London, 17th March 2016 and Manchester, 18th - 20th March 2016

2016 is an important year in commemorating notable anniversaries for the worst and ongoing nuclear disasters in the history of nuclear power – the 5th anniversary of the Fukushima reactors meltdown in Japan on March 11th 2011 and the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster on April 26th 1986.

Around the world these two events will be commemorated and a number of international events are being planned. Here in the UK, a number of groups have come together to develop four distinct events over the weekend of March 17th – 20th to consider the ongoing impact of the two disasters, its relevance to the UK and Europe and the need to actively pursue renewable energy alternatives for a sustainable, risk-free, nuclear-free energy future.

The events follow directly on from the NFLA / NCG Parliamentary seminar supported by Green Cross Switzerland taking place on the 28th January. This includes the former Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan, Dr Tetsunari Iida, Dr Paul Dorfman and Ms Yoshida Aoki (http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/docs/events/NFLA_NCG_GC_Parl_flyer-280116.pdf.)

Synopsis of weekend:

Thursday 17th March - Parliamentary event organised by JAN UK, London Region CND and Kick Nuclear.

Friday 18th March – NFLA Special Seminar in Manchester Town Hall organised by the UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities Secretariat.

Saturday 19th March – BEYOND NUCLEAR Conference in Mechanics Institute Conference Centre, Manchester organised by a special steering group.

Sunday 20th March – A campaigners day event organised by Greater Manchester District CND, SERA, Chernobyl Children’s Project and Kick Nuclear.



FULL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

Thursday 17th March, Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, Bridge Street, Westminster, 7pm – 9pm: Public meeting for the 5th anniversary of Fukushima organised by JAN, London Region CND and Kick Nuclear

- Why we don't want Hinkley Point C in the light of Chernobyl & Fukushima - Molly Scott-Cato MEP, South West England
- The current situation at Fukushima and for the evacuees -Ms Yahoi Hitomi, journalist and member of the Chikyumura / Village Earth Fukushima NGO
- How Fukushima changed Japan's nuclear policy - an analysis in an international context - Dr Dominic Kelly, Associate Professor of Politics and International Studies, Warwick University
- Biological effects of nuclear radiation from Chernobyl and Fukushima disasters - Dr Tim Mousseau, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina
- Health Dangers of Routine Emissions from Nuclear Reactors - Dr Ian Fairlie, independent consultant on radioactivity in the environment
- Nuclear Insecurity - Dr David Lowry, independent nuclear policy consultant

To register for this event please email David Polden at London Region CND - david.lrcnd@cnduk.org. For further details of the event email JAN - contact@januk.org or consult the website: <http://rememberfukushima.org/>

Information on a vigil on the 11th March and a lobby and rally on Parliament on the 14th March can also be found on the Remember Fukushima website.

Friday 18th March 2015, 1pm – 3.30pm, Room 301, Level 3, Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA: Nuclear Free Local Authorities Special Seminar - *Chernobyl & Fukushima – long-term impacts and a different energy future*

This event is specifically targeted at councillors, council officers, MPs and MEPs and is organised by the UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA).

- Chernobyl & Fukushima: similarities and differences - Dr Tim Mousseau, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina
- The long-term impact of Chernobyl on Europe – Angelika Claussen, IPPNW, Germany
- The continuing nuclear disaster in Fukushima - Dr Ian Fairlie, independent consultant on radioactivity in the environment
- The humanitarian impact of the Fukushima disaster in Japan – Yayoi Hitomi, Chikyumura / Village Earth Fukushima NGO
- The moves towards non-nuclear solutions around Europe – Reinhard Uhrig, Global 2000, Austria

To register for this seminar please email Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary – s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk

Please note this seminar is open for councillors, council officers, MP and MEPs. If NGO representatives would like to attend they should contact Sean Morris to check on room capacity and availability.



BEYOND NUCLEAR CONFERENCE Saturday 19th March 2015, 9.30am – 4.45pm, Mechanics Institute Conference Centre, 103, Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6DD: *Understanding the impacts of Chernobyl and Fukushima on nuclear policy and developing renewable energy alternatives in the battle against climate change*

- 9.30am Registration
- 10.10am Welcome – Councillor Kate Chappell, Executive Member for the Environment, Manchester City Council
- 10.15am Introductory session - The international debate on new nuclear
- Linda Pentz Gunter, Beyond Nuclear, USA – how do we go ‘beyond nuclear’ around the world?
 - Peer de Rijk, Director, WISE International – the European new nuclear debate: challenges and opportunities
 - David Reinberger, Vienna Ombuds-Office and Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe Network – the Austrian legal challenge on Hinkley Point
- 10.45am Panel discussion
- 11.00am Refreshment break
- 11.30am Session 1 – The impact of the Chernobyl and Fukushima disasters on health and the environment, chaired by Dr Helen Wallace, Gene Watch
- Dr Ian Fairlie, independent consultant on radioactivity in the environment – Chernobyl and Fukushima, a comparative study
 - Dr Keith Baverstock, Department of Environment Science, University of Eastern Finland and former Head of WHO Radiation Protection Programme for Europe – What underpins the health effects of radiation at low doses?
 - Dr Tim Mousseau, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina – Do Nuclear Accidents Generate a “Garden of Eden” for Wildlife? Lessons from the Chernobyl and Fukushima Disasters
- 1.00pm Panel discussion, followed by lunch at 1.20pm
- 2.15pm Session 2 – Can renewables step up to the mark in the UK? What can be learnt from the Austrian and German ‘Energiewende’ experience? Chaired by Councillor Rilba Jones, Hull City Council & NFLA representative
- Prof Keith Barnham, Emeritus Professor, Imperial College – how do we develop a low carbon, non nuclear energy revolution?
 - Reinhard Uhrig, Global 2000 – the Austrian energy debate and why has it embraced renewables?
 - Angelika Claussen, IPPNW Germany – Is Germany’s ‘Energiewende’ delivering a renewable revolution?
- 3.45pm Panel discussion, leading to closing comments from the conference rapporteur– Dr Jill Sutcliffe, LLRHC

This conference has been organised by the Low Level Radiation and Health Conference, NFLA, SERA, GM CND, Chernobyl Children’s Project and Kick Nuclear. It has received financial support from the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Ltd, Lush Charitable Trust and WISE International.



CAMPAIGNERS DAY:

Sunday 20th March, Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Manchester, M4 7HR

A campaign against new nuclear power – how can it be move forward?

This event is principally aimed at activist campaigning groups, student groups and actively engaged people and all those who are interested in challenging both the need for new nuclear build and advocating the benefits of decentralised renewable energy. It has been organised by GM CND, SERA, Kick Nuclear and Chernobyl Children's Project.

9.30am Registration and coffee

10.00am Welcome by Jacqui Burke, Greater Manchester CND

10.05am Introductions and explanation of the day – Lydia Meryll, SERA

Plenary session – the campaigns in Austria, Germany, France and the USA:

Chaired by Tor Justad, Highlands Against Nuclear Transport (HANT)

10.15am Reinhard Uhrig, Head of Campaigns, Global 2000, Austria

10.25am Angelika Claussen, Nuclear Phase-out spokesperson, IPPNW Germany

10.35am Andre Lariviere, Member of 'Sortir du Nucleaire', France

10.50am Linda Pentz Gunter, International Specialist, Beyond Nuclear, USA

11.00am Q&A and general discussion

11.30am Tea / coffee break

11.40am Workshop Sessions, choose from:

- 1) Opposing New Build in England and Wales
- 2) Tackling Nuclear Waste and Transport concerns
- 3) Linking with other environmental campaigns - fracking groups, climate camps, green campaigners
- 4) Promoting the alternatives - local, sustainable initiatives

12.45pm Lunch

1.30pm Pete Roche, Microgeneration Scotland and Coordinator of the website No2nuclearpower.org.uk – overview of anti-nuclear initiatives in the UK

1.50pm Plenary – using the workshops to help develop a cohesive strategy.

3.00pm Tea / coffee break

3.20pm Final plenary – taking the campaign forward. Led by Jacqui Burke and Lydia Meryll and chaired by Linda Pentz Gunter, Beyond Nuclear.

4.00pm Finish

The campaigners day has received financial support from the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Ltd and Lush Charitable Trust.





There will be a £15 charge waged / £10 unwaged (for admin and catering purposes) for the Saturday conference and a £10 charge for the Sunday campaigners day to cover conference costs and catering. Payment should be made on the day.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and post, email or fax to the address at the bottom of this form (please indicate if you are attending both the Saturday and Sunday events or just one of the two days):

Name	Group (if applicable)	Attend Sat & Sun or just one day (please indicate)	Email address

Venue and details of accommodation:

For a map and transport details to get to the Mechanics Institute go to the following webpage: <http://www.mechanicsinstitute.co.uk> and access the 'How to find us' page.

For a map and transport details to get to Bridge 5 Mill go to the following webpage: <http://www.merci.org.uk/drupal/visiting>

The Visit Manchester website has a list of affordable hotels – <http://visitmanchester.com/stay>

Some limited spaces of accommodation can be made available through the 'Servas' scheme – please indicate if you wish to take up this option with the organisers when you email, post or fax through your registration form.

Please return this form to:

Jacqui Burke, Greater Manchester & District CND, **Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Manchester, M4 7HR.** Email: gmdcnd@gn.apc.org Telephone: 0161 273 8283

These events have been organised by a Steering Group including NFLA, Low Level Health and Radiation Conference, CND, SERA, Chernobyl Children's Project and Kick Nuclear.

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