



**Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) Welsh Forum Spring Seminar 2016:**  
**The prospects for nuclear power and renewable energy in Wales – an update for Councils**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB**

The Spring 2016 NFLA Welsh Forum meeting will particularly focus on the prospects for energy policy in Wales over the next decade and what the preferred energy mix should be.

The Parliamentary Welsh Affairs Committee has been conducting an inquiry into the future prospects for nuclear power in Wales, whether at Wylfa or through small nuclear reactors at possibly Trawnsfyndd. The next round of public consultation on Wylfa has taken place amidst media reports of real problems in finding finance to fund Hinkley Point in Somerset. Can Hitachi raise the finance it requires for Wylfa? Can finance be found for small nuclear reactors? This seminar will provide NFLA's perspective on these issues. Friends of the Earth Cymru will also provide their response to the committee as well.

NFLA believe decentralised energy focused on local authorities and community energy cooperatives could provide a major part of the low carbon energy solution and this seminar will consider how that may take place. NFLA has just launched the 'Get it from the Sun' (GIFTS) campaign to show ways Councils can develop local renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions. Bridgend Council is particularly engaged in developing a comprehensive and dynamic energy policy and the seminar will provide a case study for other Welsh councils to consider.

After the recent 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fukushima and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chernobyl, concern still remains about the long-term damage of both disasters to the marine and the land environment. At Fukushima, the possibility of dumping hundreds of thousands of contaminated water into the Pacific Ocean is being actively considered. What does the example of radioactive discharges into the Irish Sea over the past few decades show us of the danger of taking such an action? This seminar will look at that issue in detail.

All of these issues will be considered at the NFLA Welsh Forum seminar. It is a free seminar and open to councillors and officers in all Welsh councils, Welsh Assembly members and MPs and members of interested nuclear and environmental community groups.

***FINAL PROGRAMME***

10.30am	<b>Registration</b>
11.00am	<b>Welcomes:</b> Councillor Peter Foley, Bridgend County Borough Council and NFLA representative; Councillor Ernie Galsworthy, NFLA UK and Ireland Steering Committee Chair and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
11.05am	NFLA's responses to the Welsh Affairs Committee inquiry into the future for nuclear power in Wales and the Horizon Nuclear public consultation on Wylfa B; and its 'Get it from the Sun' initiative for decentralised energy – Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary)
11.30am	How renewable energy could deliver Welsh energy futures - Gareth Clubb, Co-ordinator, Friends of the Earth Wales
11.55am	Developing decentralised renewable energy and energy efficiency at the local level – the Bridgend experience – Bridgend Council speaker
12.20pm	Dumping Fukushima contaminated water in the Pacific Ocean: don't follow the example of radioactive discharges to the Irish Sea – Tim Deere-Jones, independent marine pollution advisor
12.45pm	Panel discussion chaired by Councillor Ed Bridges, NFLA Welsh Forum Co-Chair and Cardiff City and County Borough Council
1.15pm	<b>Conclusion</b>



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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:

Name	Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

**Venue and details of accommodation:**

Bridgend Civic Offices is in the town centre, around 10 minutes walk from the train station and adjacent to the Ogmore River. A map can be downloaded from the following web-link:

[http://www1.bridgend.gov.uk/media/183924/Map\\_of\\_Council\\_Building\\_Locations\\_in\\_Bridgend.pdf](http://www1.bridgend.gov.uk/media/183924/Map_of_Council_Building_Locations_in_Bridgend.pdf)

There are a small number of hotels and guesthouses in Bridgend such as the Premier Inn Bridgend Central, the Days Inn Bridgend and the Wyndham Arms Hotel. For further details please consult one of the many hotel search engines on the internet.

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**The NFLA Secretariat sincerely thanks Councillor Phil White, Councillor Peter Foley and officers in Bridgend County Borough Council for kindly agreeing to host this meeting.**

**For further information on the NFLA go to:**

<http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>