



Nuclear Free Local Authorities 2016 Steering Committee, Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Seminar

Friday November 25th, 2015 9.30am – 3.00pm

Council Chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2, Republic of Ireland

The 2016 Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM, Annual Policy Seminar and associated meetings will take place in the capital of the Republic of Ireland, Dublin, and its majestic City Hall. The NFLA Secretariat sincerely thanks Councillor Ciaran Cuffe and officers in Dublin City Council for agreeing to host the AGM and associated meetings. This is the second time the NFLA has held its AGM in Dublin City Hall, the last time being in 2007.

There will be four meetings over the day – all the meetings will all be held in the Council Chamber.

NFLA Scotland Forum business meeting will meet from 9.30am – 10.30am and is for NFLA Scotland members only. There will be a short report from the NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor and relevant business around Scottish nuclear policy.

The NFLA UK and Ireland Steering Committee will meet from 10.30am – 12.00pm. A shorter Steering Committee will take place looking at the key areas of nuclear policy the NFLA focuses on. As it links in to the NFLA AGM it is open to all members from the four constituent NFLA National Forums (All Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales), NFLA individual members and non-member who wish to attend in an observer capacity.

The NFLA UK and Ireland Annual General Meeting (AGM) follows directly on from the Steering Committee at 12.00pm – 12.30pm. The AGM will elect the NFLA Steering Committee Chair and agree NFLA Vice Chairs representing the four National Forums. It will also discuss and approve the NFLA financial report and affiliation fees, the NFLA Service Plan, Annual NFLA reports and its formal Terms of Reference and Constitution.

Lunch will be held between 12.30pm – 1.00pm.

The NFLA Annual Policy Seminar follows lunch and takes place between 1.00pm – 3.00pm. The NFLA Secretariat is seeking to get senior Government Ministers to attend to talk about the future of energy policy on both sides of the Irish Sea. If that is not possible to arrange then a cross-party ‘Question Time’ approach will be developed to look at energy policy, the great potential of decentralised energy and the risks and concerns of nuclear developments on the Irish Sea coast in England and Wales, and its impact across the British and Irish Isles. A flyer for the seminar will be issued as soon as speakers are confirmed. The seminar will be open to member and non-member authorities and interested NGO representatives.

Information on Dublin and how to get to the city for delegates is also attached in this briefing pack. I look forward to seeing you in Dublin.

Sean Morris
NFLA Secretary

Information on Dublin for the AGM
Location and general information –



Dublin is the largest city in island of Ireland and the capital of the Republic of Ireland with a population of over 550,000 people. As the hub of Greater Dublin it is the largest conurbation in the Republic of Ireland with 1.9 million inhabitants.

The city is internationally famous for its engaging and varied history. It contains an excellent selection of hotels, restaurants, shops, museums, cultural and sporting institutions.

Dublin City Hall is one of the great buildings of the city. It was built between 1769 – 1779 and it was originally the Royal Exchange where merchants and guilds would come to exchange goods and services. Daniel O’Connell gave his first public address on the Act of Union from the building. The building is adjacent to Dublin Castle, the home of the national Government to the present day. It was bought by Dublin City Council in 1852 and has been its headquarters ever since. In 1916 it was used as a garrison for the Irish Citizen Army. The building contains four prominent statues and 12 murals surrounding its rotunda dome.

A full website on the City Hall is available at the website:
<http://www.dublincity.ie/dublincityhall/>

Getting to City Hall:

City Hall is situated at the junction of Dame Street and Parliament Street, en route to Christ Church Cathedral. There are 3 entry points to City Hall; the Front Door from Dame Street, the West door from Castle Street and the side entrance from Barnardos Square.



Bus Routes: 27/ 54a / 56A / 77A /123/ 150 stop by City Hall.

Car Parks: Jury's Car Park Christchurch / Andrews Street Car Park / Drury Street Car Park **By foot:** A 5 minute walk from Trinity College.

Luas Tram Stops: Red Line: Jervis/ The Four Courts are 8 minutes walk away. Green Line: St. Stephen's Green is a 10 minute walk away.

Dart Station: Tara street / Pearse Street is a 15 minute walk. Connolly Station is about a 20 minutes walk.



Getting Accommodation in Dublin -

The closest hotel to City Hall is the Jury's Inn Dublin Christchurch who can be contacted on 00 353 1 454 0000 or by email – jurysinnchristchurch@jurysinn.com. The Secretariat is inquiring if a discount booking with the hotel can be made to get a special conference rate. It will contact delegates if it can arrange such a rate.

The official Visit Dublin website has a plentiful list of hotels in the city – go to <http://www.visitdublin.com> for further information.

Getting to Dublin -

Dublin is easily accessible by car, rail, air and sea; with excellent air connections to all UK cities. It has regular rail connections with Belfast, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Wexford and Waterford. Trains take around 2.5 hours from Belfast, 2 hours and 20 minutes from Galway, 2.5 hours from Cork and 2.5 hours from Wexford. Trains to the north and northwest go from Connolly Station and trains to the west and south from Heuston Station.

The M1 connects Dublin to Belfast and there are good motorway links with Dublin and all main Irish cities.

Dublin's International Airport is around 5 miles from the city and its useful website is: <http://www.dublinairport.com>

There are 2 terminals at the airport – Terminal 1 is for Ryanair and all other international flight operators with Terminal 2 mainly for Aer Lingus, US bound airlines, Etihad and Emirates.

There are regular buses from Dublin Airport to the city centre, which takes around 15 – 25 minutes. It costs around €6. The Dublin Airport Express 747 is recommended as the quickest route, stopping at the Busaras / Bus Station. A taxi to the city centre costs around €20.

The following UK Irish cities have direct flights to Dublin Airport:

Cardiff International	Airline
Aberdeen	Aer Lingus, British Airways
Cardiff	Aer Lingus
Edinburgh	Ryanair, Aer Lingus, British Airways
Glasgow	Ryanair, Aer Lingus, British Airways
Inverness	Flybe
Leeds Bradford	Ryanair, Aer Lingus, British Airways
London Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted	Ryanair, Aer Lingus, British Airways
Manchester	Ryanair, Aer Lingus
Stornoway	Flybe via mainland Scottish airport
Sumburgh	Flybe via mainland Scottish airport

You can also travel by ferry from Liverpool or Holyhead to Dublin or Dun Laoghaire (a short run on the DART line will take you to the centre of Dublin). Go to the websites of Irish Ferries or P & O Ferries for further information.

If you have any further queries please contact the NFLA Secretary, Sean Morris, on either 00 44 (0)161 234 3244 or by email - s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk.