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The BEIS NGO Nuclear Policy Forum meeting in Westminster, which took place this month

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UN nuclear ban treaty agreed

122 states agreed in early July to a historic agreement to create a legal ban of nuclear weapons at the United Nations in New York.

The Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty is the first legally binding international agreement to seek to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons and start a process to

lead to their abolition.

There was real jubilation at the UN and amongst disarmament groups that a crucial point in this drawn-out process had now been agreed.

The core challenge is to bring nuclear weapon states, NATO members and 'nuclear umbrella' states into this process,

after all boycotted it.

The Mayor of Hiroshima welcomed the vote and said now was the time to build a nuclear weapons free world.

NFLA also warmly welcome the decision at the UN and will work with others to see it fulfilled. A media release is on its website.

UK publishes position paper on post-Euratom Treaty aims

As the post-election UK minority government seeks to move on the process of leaving the EU – 'Brexit' – it has set out a position paper on the parallel process of leaving the Euratom Treaty arrangements.

Euratom provides the UK's main cooperation in the EU on civil nuclear issues. It includes safeguards for

non-proliferation of nuclear materials, how the UK cooperates on nuclear research and development and trade in nuclear fuel.

For NFLA and CNFE, Euratom is also the key cheerleader for new nuclear in the EU, playing a similar role to the NPT in nuclear weapons – the 'peaceful use of nuclear power'.

The position paper comes after a number of MPs threatened a revolt on the matter amidst real concern from the nuclear industry and nuclear trade unions.

The paper calls for a 'smooth transition' to provide certainty to the industry. NFLA question a number of these areas in a detailed media release on its website.

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NFLA media releases

May 2017:

(On NFLA website.)

- NFLA argue the Irish Climate Mitigation Plan is good on words but lacks enough real action
- NFLA writes to UK Government over why the Magnox contract inquiry is not being done in public
- NFLA welcomes Me-act report on UK nuclear deterrence policy
- The confusion over the Euratom Treaty is just the start of the problems of Brexit and nuclear policy
- NFLA welcomes signing of Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty
- North Korea's nuclear weapon test is proof of the need for a Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty

**NFLA ATTENDING NDA
STAKEHOLDER
SUMMIT**

The NFLA Chair, Irish Chair and Secretary will be representing the group at a 2 day NDA Stakeholder meeting in Cumbria in September. The meeting will allow full and frank discussion of the NDA's operations with its new Chief Executive and Board Chairman.

NFLA autumn Forums agreed in September & October

The meetings and locations for the four NFLA Forums are being arranged to allow many new councillors the chance to understand NFLA policy.

The first will be in Glasgow with the NFLA Scotland Forum taking place on the 8th September, with a

seminar on key areas.

The NFLA Welsh Forum and the NFLA All Ireland Forum will also meet on the 15th and 22nd September, at Cardiff and Navan. These meetings will include seminars on key nuclear and wider energy issues of relevance to councils.

The NFLA English Forum takes place in Hull on October 6th. It will look at renewable energy growth and fracking.

Further details of speakers and timings will be sent out to all councillors over the summer.

NFLA speaking at major Medact / IPPNW Conference

The NFLA Secretary has been invited to speak at a joint conference organised by Med-act and IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War).

The major conference in York will also host the IPPNW Global Congress. It will focus on the

connections between health and peace.

A number of high profile speakers will address what is expected to be a large international audience of professionals on the likes of health, peace, nuclear disarmament, nuclear power & wider energy issues.

The NFLA Secretary will be speaking at a workshop on international strategies on radioactive waste. Other speakers include Alex Rosen from IPPNW and Canadian expert Dr Gordon Edwards.

To register for this conference go to the Med-act website.

BEIS NGO Nuclear Forum – NGO's challenge new nuclear

The NFLA Secretary attended the first post-election meeting of the main Forum between local and national NGOs and the UK Government.

The meeting focused on

a core debate over UK Government new build policy. The Government argued the need for decarbonisation & more electricity warrants new nuclear reactors. NGOs presented a paper of 8

core reasons why new nuclear is not needed (on the NFLA website). The next meeting will focus on health & nuclear issues with the Energy Minister Richard Harrington attending it.

NFLA / M4P letters to the media July 2017:
(On NFLA website.)

- Plans to transport Dounreay waste nuclear waste to Sellafield and to the US by road, rail, sea and then air show up the real risks to the public
- Letter from the Lord Mayor of Manchester to the Chigoku Shimbun in Hiroshima on Manchester's role in Mayors for Peace and NFLA

Hiroshima & Nagasaki events around the UK and Ireland

Every August since 1946, there has been moving Peace ceremonies in Hiroshima and Nagasaki to remember all those who died, injured and continue to suffer radiation-related diseases to the present day.

Around the world, many towns and cities will hold similar services in solidarity with them.

The NFLA is aware of over 70 events around the UK and Ireland. To find out more about them go to the CND UK, local CND groups and the Network for Peace websites. NFLA are holding its national event at the Manchester Museum on the 6th August from 10.30am in a ceremony led by the Deputy Lord Mayor.

NFLA briefing on community energy / private sector energy

The NFLA Secretariat is finalising its latest briefing on the rapid UK and global revolution in decentralised renewable energy.

This latest briefing will focus on two linked and important sectors – community energy co-operatives and the way large private sector

companies are also developing 100% renewable generation for their energy needs.

Both forms of decentralised energy are moving steadily forward and helping to radically change the debate over low carbon energy.

Meanwhile, the NFLA

has issued a media release with its views on the First Irish Climate Mitigation Plan. This sets out the Irish Government's strategy for promoting low carbon work in energy, heat and transport. NFLA comment that while it looks good, it needs much more detailed action with it.

Mayors for Peace Conference on the 72nd H & N anniversary

Final preparations for the ninth General Conference of Mayors for Peace are being made in Nagasaki.

The conference takes place on the 7th – 10th August and it will consider how the organisation is developing and improving as its continued membership expands tow-

ards the 7,500 mark.

The Lord Mayor of Manchester and the NFLA Secretary (in his role as Manchester's Mayors for Peace officer) will be attending the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Ceremonies and the conference. They are currently considering early versions of the

Mayors for Peace Action Plan 2017 – 2020 and the Nagasaki Appeal.

A full report of the Executive and General Conference and related ceremonies will be provided in the NFLA August Newsletter and a separate Mayors for Peace briefing paper.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

Mayors for Peace Executive & General Conference, Nagasaki University, 7th – 10th August

NFLA Scotland, Glasgow City Chambers, 8th Sept

NFLA Wales, Cardiff County Hall, 15th September

NFLA All Ireland Forum, 22nd September, County Hall, Navan.

NFLA SC, 29th Sept, Manchester Central Library

NFLA England, 6th October, Guildhall, Hull