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Websites / partner links:

NFLA: <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>

CNFE: <http://www.cnfe.eu>

MFP: <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>

KIMO: <http://www.kimointernational.org>

ICAN: <http://www.icanw.org>

ICAN UK: <http://www.ican-uk.org>

Ireland opens Hinkley C consultation

The Irish Government has opened a public consultation to seek views on the development of the Hinkley Point C site across the Irish Sea.

The consultation comes after considerable lobbying from groups like An Taisce, FIE and NFLA over a number of years to encourage an

official Irish view on UK new nuclear build.

The consultation follows on from a transboundary consultation undertaken by the UK Government. This came after pressure from the Espoo Convention, which seeks environmental impact assessments being done for large projects which have a wide impact.

NFLA welcome CND's 60th anniversary at event in London

NFLA representatives attended the official 60th anniversary commemorative event held by CND in February at Portcullis House, Westminster.

CND was established at a major public meeting held in Westminster Central Hall on 17th February 1958. It was attended by over 5,000 people and it has since consistently challenged

the moral and defence need for nuclear weapons. CND, like NFLA, is a member of ICAN UK.

The reception included speeches from the Leader of the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn and the Co-leader of the Green Party, Caroline Lucas. There were also speeches from leading CND activists through its 60



Bruce Kent of CND and NFLA Welsh Forum Co Char Cllr Sue Lent at the CND at 60 event in London

NFLA will respond to this consultation before its March 15th deadline in a manner similar to its response to the UK Government – concerns of the potential economic, health & environmental impacts should there be an accident on the site.

NFLA welcomes the Irish Government initiating this consultation.

year history. The reception included MPs, MEPs and many of the groups who regularly cooperate with CND, as well as many of its branch members.

Further events are being planned across the UK through-out 2018.

A NFLA media release can be found on its website

NFLA media releases

February 2018:
(On NFLA website.)

- NFLA All Ireland Forum welcomes Irish Government Hinkley Point C consultation
- NFLA welcomes 60th anniversary of CND
- NFLA argue new nuclear NPS is not needed as renewables & efficiency programmes flourish

NFLA develop response to new nuclear NPS

The NFLA Secretariat has published its analysis of UK Government plans to update its National Policy Statement (NPS) for new nuclear plants.

The original NPS was written in 2011 and envisaged that most of the 8 proposed new nuclear sites would be

operating, or be in construction, by 2025. As such none are likely to be operating by then, with just one so far in initial early work.

The Government propose the same sites for new build, and the NPS plans seek to set planning consent through to 2035.

In its analysis, NFLA point out that the 2011 NPS predicted a 15% increase in electricity use, when there has actually been a 15% drop.

Renewable energy has also matured quickly and coming in cheaper than new nuclear. The full briefing is on the NFLA website.

NFLA Scotland looking at geothermal and hydrogen

The NFLA Scotland Forum meets in Glasgow on the 1st March, with a useful seminar on the potential of geothermal and hydrogen energy being organised.

The meeting will include a business meeting at which the NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor will highlight the positive

moves towards renewables in Scotland and focus on its declining nuclear sector.

An AGM will also be held to elect officers for 2018.

NFLA are interested in whether geothermal & hydrogen 'green gas' sources of energy can

be developed, and what their potential could be in the future as a part of a renewable energy mix.

There will be a speaker from Scottish Gas Networks, who have a 'Hydrogen 100' project, and from the Scottish Government on geothermal's potential.

NFLA Ireland to consider renewables vision / Sellafield visit

The NFLA All Ireland Forum will take place in Omagh on March 9th.

The seminar will focus on expanding renewable energy in Ireland, at a time of Brexit and where

no government in Northern Ireland has been in place for 13 months now. It will also consider nuclear issues impacting on Ireland.

Meanwhile a delegation

from Newry, Mourne & Down Council will visit the Sellafield site on the 1st March to raise its concerns over the safety and wider impact of the nuclear waste & reprocessing site.



Lord Monkwood, Afzal Khan MP and Cllr Fletcher-Hackwood of Manchester City Council at the CND at 60 event



Caroline Lucas MP speaks at the CND at 60 event

**Letters to the media,
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(emailed to members)**

- Solar farms should be a key part of Ireland's renewable energy future
- Dutch safety report in line with CNFE / NFLA letter to the EU on transboundary nuclear issues

**WELSH ANTI-NUCLEAR
GROUPS PLAN APRIL
JOINT CONFERENCE**

Five Welsh anti-nuclear groups are planning a joint meeting in Powys to bring the key nuclear issues in Wales to a rural, mid-Wales audience.

Speakers from NFLA, WANA, PAWB, CADNO and CND will look at the issues around new nuclear at Wylfa, Hinkley Point and 'small' nuclear being proposed for Trawsfynydd. It will also look at the renewable energy alternatives and potential for Wales. CND at 60 and its impact on Wales will also be considered. A flyer with a full programme will be issued imminently.



Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn addresses the CND at 60 event in Westminster

Evacuations after severe nuclear incidents - report

The NFLA has published on its website an important analysis of the real difficulties and issues that would arise if a nuclear site had to be evacuated due to an accident or incident at such a site.

Dr Ian Fairlie, who has twice visited the Fukushima area, and

developed considerable research on the Chernobyl disaster, questions whether UK authorities have considered the real issues of a prolonged evacuation and the great stress that such incidents have on vulnerable people.

The research also consider the experience

of nuclear emergency planning undertaken in the US and Canada. It concludes that all governments with nuclear power stations need to consider how any incident with significant radioactive fallout could be dealt with, given the Fukushima experience. It can be found on the NFLA website.

NFLA / Mayors for Peace seminar on disarmament & peace

The NFLA English Forum is joining with the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter to host a seminar in Leeds Civic Hall on issues around disarmament and peace education.

The March 23rd seminar follows on from a similar event held in Manchester in

early December.

The keynote speaker will be Fabian Hamilton MP, Shadow Minister for Peace & Disarmament, who will talk of the prospects for change in nuclear disarmament this year.

Other speakers include Rebecca Johnson of ICAN discussing the key

disarmament events of 2018, the Chapter Secretary on European Mayors for Peace news and a speaker from CREST, which assist schools develop conflict and peer mentoring programmes across the north of England.

All are welcome – flyers for NFLA events are on its website.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

NFLA Scotland, March 1st, Glasgow City Chambers

NFLA All Ireland Forum, March 9th, The Grange, Omagh

NFLA SC / seminar with Mayors for Peace, March 23rd, Leeds Civic Hall

Welsh seminar with NFLA, WANA, PAWB, CADNO & CND, April 14th, Machynlleth, Powys

NFLA Steering Committee, June 21st, Edinburgh City Chambers