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Bruce Kent, Jill Angood from SCRAP, the NFLA / MFP Chapter Secretary, the Lord Mayor of Sheffield and Rebecca Johnson at the Mayors for Peace event

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## UK repository process begins again

The UK Government has published two consultations which are the 6th attempt to find a solution with the storage of high & intermediate level radioactive waste.

Since 1976 attempts have been made to find sites and / or willing 'communities' to locate a deep underground

waste repository. The most recent attempt was curtailed in 2013 when Cumbria County Council decided to curtail its involvement in locating a site in the county.

The new process will include a consultation on defining a community and outlining the work RWM and Government will do to locate a

geologically suitable site for a repository. A second consultation will consider a National Policy Statement for it. RWM will also be publishing a website on known geology across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

As it has over 30 years, NFLA will engage and challenge this process.

## East Ayrshire Council joins NFLA and the Mayors for Peace

East Ayrshire Council has become the latest member of the NFLA, as well as becoming a separate member of the Mayors for Peace.

In a mid-December full Council meeting, it decided to formally pass a resolution of support, led by the Provost, who will become both its NFLA and Mayors for Peace representative.

The decision comes after the NFLA Secretary presented the work and remit of the NFLA to a special meeting that was attended by councillors and NGO representatives.

East Ayrshire lies reasonably close to the Hunterston and Chapelcross nuclear power stations. It also administers a Renewable

Energy Fund to provide community benefit from 3 commercial windfarms. The Council is in favour of nuclear disarmament.

The Council has also welcomed the positive work of the Mayors for Peace and will seek to work with it as well. NFLA warmly welcomes East Ayrshire Council as its newest member.

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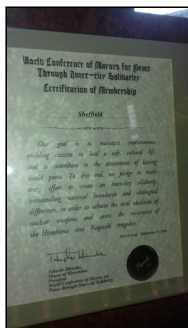
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**NFLA media releases  
January 2018:  
(On NFLA website.)**

- NFLA urges repository rethink after Swedish court ruling on canisters
- NFLA submits views on Wylfa B's radioactive waste storage plans
- NFLA joins CNFE in letter to European Commission over transboundary nuclear concerns
- NFLA submits views on Helm review on the costs of energy



The NFLA English Chair at Sheffield's Mayors for Peace event



Sheffield's original 1984 plaque from Hiroshima when they joined the Mayors for Peace

**NFLA / NGOs challenge UK Energy Minister over new nuclear**

The NFLA Secretary attended the latest meeting of the BEIS NGO Forum, held in Westminster.

The meeting allowed for a full and frank exchange of views with the UK Energy Minister Richard Harrington.

Amongst the NGOs involved in the Forum

are Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, NWAA and local groups challenging the need for new nuclear at Hinkley, Wylfa, Bradwell and Moorside.

The NGO's presented a paper detailing the large costs and wider risks in developing new nuclear. In responding

the Minister argued nuclear still had a major role to play in providing low carbon, reliable energy to the UK.

Discussion also took place over the implications of leaving the Euratom Treaty, the NPS & radwaste consultations and nuclear emergency planning.

**NFLA puts forward its views on cutting the cost of energy**

The NFLA has submitted detailed views on the future costs of UK energy policy. It argues the cost of new nuclear is far too high at a time when cheaper and more deliverable renewable energy options exist.

The response follows on from the NFLA's December response to the

UK Clean Energy Growth Plan.

In his review of UK energy policy, Dieter Helm is critical of the government's handling of the financial costs of its energy, which have risen substantially. Helm calls for a radical change in support for all kinds of 'clean' energy.

In its response to Helm's review, NFLA argue the best way to keep energy costs down, deliver carbon targets and UK energy security is to cancel new nuclear in favour of a decentralised, renewable approach. The full response can be found on the NFLA website.

**NFLA SC and Forum meetings begin to take shape**

Meetings of the NFLA Steering Committee and National Forums for early 2018 are now taking shape.

The first NFLA Steering Committee of 2018 will

take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Manchester.

In March, the NFLA Scotland Forum will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> in Glasgow, with the All Ireland Forum in

Omagh on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

A joint NFLA England / SC seminar with Mayors for Peace will occur on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, while a Welsh groups conference is planned on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Letters to the media,  
January 2018:  
(emailed to members)**

- European Commission needs to take on board concerns over transboundary nuclear safety issues
- Let's see some Chinese like ambition to renewable energy deployment in the UK

**EUROPEAN NUCLEAR  
NEWS**

The Swedish Land & Environment Court has not approved the canister design planned for the deep underground radioactive waste repository planned for Forsmark.

The Court accepted the concerns of the MKB NGO that such canisters are unproven for storage for such long times. The Court has asked the developer to provide it with more information.

Meanwhile, the Dutch Research Council on Safety have raised similar concerns recently put forward by NFLA / Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe on transboundary issues in the event of a nuclear accident. NFLA & CNFE have sent a joint letter to the European Commission over the lack of involvement from adjoining states concerned on the age and safety of some nuclear reactors, like Doel and Sellafield. The letter is on the NFLA website.

## NFLA submit reports on Wylfa B rad-waste & to OSPAR RSC

The NFLA is submitting two responses around the risks with radioactive waste & collective doses at new nuclear facilities.

NFLA has responded to a NRW consultation looking at the radioactive waste issues with a proposed Wylfa B nuclear reactor. It

comes at a time when NRW has admitted it 'may' have taken a different approach to approving an application to dump 300,000 tonnes of mud from Hinkley Point to a site not far from Cardiff Bay.

In its response, NFLA reiterate concerns over 'high burn' waste from

Wylfa B and other sites.

NFLA have expanded on such concerns about collective doses from the whole new build programme in a response to the OSPAR Radiation Substances Committee for KIMO. See the NFLA website for more detail.

## Sheffield celebrates its membership of the Mayors for Peace

In a special event held at the end of January, Sheffield City Council celebrated a renewed involvement in Mayors for Peace.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield led the event, which was held in the Peace Gardens next to Sheffield Town Hall.

The event included

speeches from the NFLA / Chapter Secretary, Rebecca Johnson of ICAN and Bruce Kent of CND.

It also showcased the excellent peace education work done in all Sheffield schools that supports children as peer mentors learning about conflict resolution at the local level.

The next UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter meeting will be held in Leeds Civic Hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. It will focus on such local peace making work and the wider international debate on nuclear weapons.

Councils are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**NFLA Steering Committee, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018, Manchester Town Hall Extension**

**NFLA Scotland, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Glasgow City Chambers**

**NFLA All Ireland Forum, March 9<sup>th</sup>, The Grange, Omagh**

**NFLA SC & joint seminar with Mayors for Peace, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Leeds Civic Hall**

**NFLA Welsh Forum joint seminar with WANA, PAWB, CADNO & CND, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Machynlleth, Powys (date, venue and location tbc)**