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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>

State funding for Wylfa B opposed

The UK Government have confirmed an initial agreement with Hitachi to provide as much as £5bn in state aid support for the development of the Wylfa B site in Wales.

The 'U-turn' changes years of Conservative and of previous governments policy that the private operators should

finance such sites.

NFLA have compared this decision with the cancellation of financial support for the Swansea tidal lagoon plans, which had wide cross-party support. The new sector deal for nuclear also shows how the Government is preferring it over renewable energy alternatives.

Trump meets Kim to discuss denuclearising North Korea

In a summit meeting in Singapore, US President Trump met with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un to agree an outline deal which may help lead to the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

This meeting came about after a lot of quiet diplomacy led by South Korea, and, if the full deal is realised, it is

a step forward in reducing nuclear tensions in this sensitive part of the world.

Whilst welcoming the meeting and the outline agreement, despite its vagueness in some areas, NFLA urge both states to look at ICAN's roadmap for a much more comprehensive way forward. This five-part-plan would bring



Bernard Webber from '7 Symbols of Peace' presents the NFLA Secretary with a colour version of the famous peace symbol

Despite the deal, Hitachi still has real issues and challenges to find the additional financial support in Japan for the £16bn -£21bn project.

NFLA are disappointed with these recent decisions on preferring nuclear power to cheaper, safer and cleaner renewable energy. See its website for details.

the process into the UN and work with many other states calling for both full and multilateral nuclear disarmament.

NFLA remains concerned on how the calls from the US to end the international agreement with Iran could lead to a new nuclear arms race. The NFLA media release, with the ICAN roadmap, is on its website.

NFLA media releases

June 2018:

(On NFLA website.)

- Swansea tidal lagoon cancellation a major mistake of UK energy policy
- NFLA welcomes some improvements at Sellafield but is concerned over cost over runs and 'intolerable risks' on the site
- NFLA urge Irish Government to make further representations over UK leaving Euratom Treaty
- NFLA endorse ICAN's roadmap for a denuclearised Korean Peninsula
- Wylfa B or Swansea tidal lagoon – are we making a serious mistake with UK energy policy?



The NFLA English Forum Chair with Cllr John Tanner at its meeting in Oxford



Bill Kidd MSP speaking at the NFLA Scotland / SC meeting in Edinburgh

NFLA English Forum discuss nuclear transports & local energy

The NFLA English Forum held its summer seminar in Oxford and it focused on nuclear transports, concerns on nuclear transparency & decentralised energy.

David McKenzie of Nukewatch profiled its report on how Councils and the emergency services have possible

planning gaps in preparing for an accident involving a nuclear weapon road convoy; and could be deficient in not informing the public about these risks.

David Polden of the Nuclear Train Action Group highlighted similar concerns over rail transports. The NFLA is

planning a new and full report on this.

Dave Cullen of NIS also talked over concerns on nuclear transparency at defence sites.

The NFLA Secretary and Paul Robinson of Oxford City Council noted work to deliver the real benefits of decentralised energy.

NFLA Scotland / SC looks at nuclear concerns & alternatives

The NFLA's June Steering Committee meeting was hosted by Edinburgh City Council. It also included the NFLA Scotland Forum and a summer seminar.

The business meetings allowed members to discuss key areas of NFLA activity.

The afternoon seminar

had an illuminating overview by Pete Roche of the real problems in keeping aging nuclear reactors going as 'wear and tear' issues increase at sites like Hunterston B.

The NFLA's report on decentralised energy was very well received by member authorities.

Janet Fenton of CND Scotland / ICAN and Bill Kidd MSP, Co-Chair of the Cross Party Group on Nuclear Weapons, outlined the current state of the nuclear weapons debate and focused on the Trident programme in Scotland.

The presentations are on the NFLA website.

End states and control of decommissioned nuclear sites

The NFLA is submitting a response to a regulators consultation that considers the process for the closing of decommissioned nuclear sites and their transfer of control to the Council.

The NFLA have been involved in this process with the UK & devolved governments and the nuclear regulators over the past few years, and have made a number of relevant submissions.

The NFLA are more broadly content with the current consultation, but continue to encourage the use of sound environmental principles. The response will go on its website.

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

- Ireland should challenge UK Government over Brexatom
- Wylfa state funding deal sets worrying precedents

**National Audit Office
Sellafield report still
notes 'intolerable risks'
at the site**

The NFLA shares the concerns that have been expressed by the National Audit Office (NAO) in their latest update on progress with resolving key risks at the Sellafield nuclear site.

Whilst welcoming the NAO's assessment that there have been some improvements across the site, the NFLA also note that some 'intolerable' risks such as the state of plutonium canisters on the site still need to be resolved.

The NAO also noted that costs continue to go up beyond planned projections – over £912 million in the past year. The NAO is concerned that the NDA is not completely clear of its mission, and it is also quite critical of the UK Government's oversight role.

A detailed NFLA comment on the report can be found on its website.

Leaving the Euratom Treaty – concerns in the UK & Ireland

The NFLA has called for the Irish Government to seek more detailed assurances from its UK counterpart around the impact of its decision to leave the Euratom Treaty.

The Euratom regime provides independent verification of the safety and security of nuclear

sites in Europe and the trade in nuclear fuel.

As part of leaving the Treaty, the UK Government is looking for these duties to be transferred to the Office for Nuclear Regulation.

Sky News published a leaked report from the ONR which suggests

that implementation of a new IT system to organise a new regime is delayed, and there were concerns over the recruitment of enough safety inspectors by the March 2019 deadline.

The NFLA call on the Irish Government to review these assurances in light of this report.

Mayors for Peace European Working Group established

Moves to develop a more comprehensive structure of Mayors for Peace in Europe are continuing with the creation of a Lead City Working Group, which includes Manchester.

Over the past year, European Lead Cities have been progressing Mayors for Peace's new objective – the

development of safe, peaceful and resilient cities.

This will go hand-in-hand with the principal aim of calling for a nuclear weapons free world.

Further agreement on this was made at recent meetings in Geneva and the Working Group has

been tasked with moving this forward.

A legal identity, funding and special events are all being considered to create quality membership, as well as increasing new members.

The next UK & Ireland Chapter will consider this matter at its upcoming meeting.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**Local events for the
73rd Hiroshima and
Nagasaki Peace
Ceremonies, August 6th
and 9th**

**NFLA Scotland /
Mayors for Peace
seminar, Clydebank,
September 20th**

**NFLA SC and joint
seminar with Welsh
Forum, Cardiff
County Hall,
September 28th**

**NFLA All Ireland
Forum, Dundalk
Town Hall, October
12th**

**NFLA English Forum,
Hull Guildhall,
October 26th (date
tbc)**

**NFLA Scotland
Forum, November
8th, East Ayrshire
Council Offices,
Kilmarnock**