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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>

NDA Summit - a missed opportunity?

The NDA held its annual summit in Berkeley with an event allowing for little critical input of its activity.

The NFLA Scotland Vice Convener and the NFLA Secretary were part of a very small delegation of more critical voices at the event, which was full of stylish videos set to lively music, but it

allowed for little real challenge to NDA's core activity.

The NDA CEO acknowledged the criticism over the Magnox clean-up contract, which is now going back 'in-house', after an expensive legal battle.

The summit included updates on Sellafield,



The Lord Mayor of Manchester, with the NFLA / MFP Secretary and the Mayor's Consort, and the famous peace symbol

Site Stakeholder Groups, research and development and a number of useful workshops. But, unlike the 2017 summit, there was little real discussion with both sides of the nuclear debate.

NFLA is talking with NDA and RWM over the need for a NDA NGO Forum to allow for wider challenge of its work.

ICAN poll - strong support for removing nuclear weapons

As the 1st anniversary of the agreement to sign the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty took place in July, ICAN has published an opinion poll showing strong majorities in Germany, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands for the removal of US nuclear weapons from their soil.

At present, 12 countries have now ratified this

UN Treaty, with many more likely to follow over the next year. Once 50 states have ratified it, the treaty becomes part of international law.

The ICAN poll asked the public of four European countries under the US 'nuclear umbrella' if they would like to see the US nuclear weapons stationed in their own

country to be sent back to America.

70% of Germans, 65% of Italians, 57% of Belgians and 56% of Dutch people want such weapons returned to the US.

The NFLA welcomed the poll. The NFLA Secretary took an active part in a recent meeting of ICAN UK partners, which was held in Manchester.

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

- NFLA publishes comment piece on the real potential of a Scottish Government energy company
- NFLA welcomes ICAN poll that says a majority in Germany, Italy, Belgium and Netherlands want to see US nuclear weapons removed from their soil
- NFLA welcomes decision of NDA to bring Magnox clean-up contract back in house, but comments it has cost the taxpayer dear



A Sellafield NDA officer explaining some of its decommissioning projects at the NDA Stakeholder Summit



The NFLA Secretary holds a copy of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize during a meeting of the ICAN UK Partners Group in Manchester

Manchester launches City Centre Children’s Peace Trail

As part of the development of Mayors for Peace, the promotion of peace education is seen as a key and important task.

A number of NFLA and Mayors for Peace members have developed peace trails outlining their towns or cities’ history in promoting peace & justice. These

include the likes of Manchester, Leeds, Bradford, London, Birmingham, Coventry and Cardiff. A project to create an Irish Peace Trail is also being developed.

In July, and in cooperation with Heritage England, Manchester launched its second edition of a Children’s

Peace Trail. This included a special launch event with the Lord Mayor of Manchester and two of the schools involved in Manchester’s gingko tree ‘Project G’ (seven Councils now have such seeds from Hiroshima).

Download a copy at - <http://www.manchesterpeacetrail.org.uk>

NFLA Forum meetings & seminars planned for the autumn

During the summer recess there are no NFLA Forum meetings, but plans are in place to prepare for autumn seminars and meetings.

The first of these will be NFLA Scotland’s business meeting and an afternoon joint seminar with Mayors for Peace on 20th September in Clydebank.

The seminar links in with ICAN’s week of activity around International Peace Day, which includes a rally close to the Faslane base.

NFLA Wales will host the NFLA’s International Steering Committee on 28th September in Cardiff. This will include a seminar on key new

nuclear issues and alternatives.

In October, the NFLA All Ireland Forum will meet in Dundalk on the 12th and will consider nuclear issues of concern and renewable alternatives. NFLA England meet in Hull on the 26th to discuss decentralised energy.

Meetings held with Parliamentarians on nuclear & energy issues

A small sub-group of delegates linked to the ‘Beyond Nuclear’ initiative met with a number of political and energy figures to discuss how to get more effectively across its message to

MPs of core changes in the energy debate.

The meetings were held with senior figures in the Labour, Lib Dem and Green Parties, as well as with Greenpeace

Energy staff. Further discussions with other parties, unions and think-tanks are being planned. The meetings were very helpful and NFLA see this initiative as useful for the future.

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

- NFLA is as relevant today as it was in the 1980s

**NFLA writes to NDA
after nuclear train goes
through red signal**

An inquiry is taking place after a train laden with spent nuclear fuel from Dounreay bound for Sellafield went past a red 'danger' signal near Kingussie, Scotland. DRS and Network Rail are investigating further.

NFLA have been concerned over such transports for some time and are writing to the NDA to seek further clarification on the incident. The letter also adds in separate NFLA comments over NDA stakeholder engagement in general.



The launch of the Manchester Children's Peace Trail outside Manchester Central Library with the Lord Mayor of Manchester



The NFLA Secretary being interviewed about the Children's Trail

NFLA submits response on the 'end state' of nuclear regulation

NFLA submitted its views to the UK, Scottish and Welsh Governments and nuclear regulators in July on the process of how regulation will change as nuclear sites are fully decommissioned and dismantled.

There has been extensive consultation in a

number of stakeholder events and through two written consultations on this process. NFLA has taken part fully in this.

In its previous response NFLA had been concerned in a number of environmental and regulatory areas. It is pleased that some improvements have been

made but still reiterates the use of sound environmental principles need to lay at the heart of regulatory change. It is also essential to ensure close discussion takes place with Councils.

The full response can be found on the NFLA website homepage.

Events planned for the 73rd Hiroshima-Nagasaki anniversaries

NFLA and Mayors for Peace members in the UK and Ireland are planning a range of events to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb attacks on the 6th and 9th August.

Each August the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki hold peace

ceremonies to remember the thousands of people that were killed or injured in the world's first nuclear weapon attacks.

Each event is held before an audience of thousands and are shown live on Japanese TV. The Mayors of each city also read an annual Peace Declaration.

Official events in solidarity with Hiroshima & Nagasaki are taking place in the likes of Manchester, Leicester, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, London, Glasgow, Coventry, Edinburgh, Dundee, Paisley, Cork, Dublin and Cardiff.

The August NFLA newsletter will profile some of them.

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