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**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>

**NFLA is now on Facebook and Twitter via links  
on its website.**

## IPCC report & climate change urgency

A report by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says that all countries need to radically speed up their carbon reduction programmes to prevent a 2 degrees Celsius increase and its major damaging effects on the planet.

Instead of looking to have 'zero carbon'

policies in place for 2050, the IPCC report suggests it needs to be in place in the 2030s.

In a media comment on the report, NFLA argue that the IPCC report puts major pressure on central government to scale up and speed up clean energy plans. It argues that local government must play a core

role as local leaders for sustainable change.

Given the urgency of this report, NFLA note it will currently take too long to deliver new nuclear projects to have any positive effects, and the priority needs to now go towards renewables.

The media release is on the NFLA website.



The Lord Mayor of Dublin meets members of the Peace Boat group

## Senedd discusses the Hinkley dredged mud dump issue

The Welsh Assembly held a second debate in October considering the dumping of 310,000 tonnes of dredged mud from the Hinkley Point C site to the Cardiff Deep Grounds, a few miles off Cardiff Bay.

A joint Plaid Cymru / Conservative motion called for further tests to the material to consider both its radioactive and

toxic chemical content.

However, an amendment by the Welsh Government was passed that rather called for more public information to be provided arguing the materials were safe and did not create any real cause for concern.

The NFLA issued a joint media release with KIMO prior to the

debate raising its concern over the need for further testing, but also the decision to dump large amounts of material into the sea.

EDF has confirmed all the material has now been dumped at the site. Under its licence, further material may be dumped in the future. NFLA is working with groups concerned about this.

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

- NFLA hears about the great potential of hydrogen and LA energy
- New Irish Energy Minister needs to give greater urgency to climate change mitigation
- IPPC report shows the importance of Councils in climate change leadership
- NFLA attends re-dedication of Leeds BNTVA memorial stone
- NFLA submits its views on NDA's radioactive waste strategy



The Leeds BNTVA Memorial Stone to Yorkshire nuclear test veterans



Hiroshima hibakusha Mrs Tsukamoto meets the Lord Mayor of Liverpool

**NFLA English Forum looks at radwaste & decentralised energy**

The NFLA English Forum held its autumn seminar in Hull Guildhall. The meeting looked at various decentralised energy schemes and plans to look again for a site to for the UK's higher activity nuclear waste.

The NFLA Secretary looked at the process

being planned for Councils to consider volunteering for hosting a radwaste repository.

Mark Bramah from Robin Hood Energy talked of their work in creating 'white label' energy companies with Councils, such as White Rose Energy. In addition, Dan Sadler of Northern

Gas Networks outlined the work it was pursuing at seeking to develop a hydrogen gas network for domestic properties.

Martin Budd from Hull City Council explained the Council's strategy to support the local renewable industry. The presentations are on the NFLA website.

**NFLA Scotland seminar to look at Hunterston B & other issues**

The NFLA Scotland Forum holds its final meeting of 2018 in East Ayrshire Council HQ on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Along with a business meeting considering key nuclear, renewable and climate change issues affecting Scotland, a seminar will consider three issues the Forum is

particularly interested in.

The NFLA Secretary will profile the NFLA's report consolidating issues of concern around the transport of radioactive materials by road, rail, sea and air.

The NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor will out-

line the submission made on the potential benefits and remit of a Scottish Government-owned energy company. And Dr Ian Fairlie will give his analysis of the issues in reopening the Hunterston reactor.

A flyer of the seminar is on the NFLA website and registration is open.

**NFLA Dundalk seminar cancelled and rescheduled for Newry**

Due to severe weather, the October NFLA All Ireland Forum had to be cancelled. Two of the presentations have been placed on the NFLA website and the other two will now be given at

the Annual Policy Seminar, which takes place in Newry on the 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The All Ireland Forum has also given its public comments on the need

for change after the resignation of the Irish Energy Minister. The media release calls on a great sense of urgency to the climate change issue. It can be found on the NFLA website.

**NFLA letters to the media, October 2018:**

- Ireland's coal secret must be resolved by a concerted move towards renewables
- New nuclear is not an answer to upscaling Ireland's climate mitigation policies
- EDF's woes show why new nuclear is in such trouble in the UK

**NFLA submits its views to NDA on its single rad-waste management strategy**

The NFLA has submitted its views to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) on its proposed single radioactive waste strategy.

NFLA remains concerned with the way the NDA describes waste in terms of volume rather than by its radioactive volume. NFLA are also concerned that some NDA policy is increasing what it sees as 'dilution and dispersal' of waste rather than 'concentrating & consolidating' waste. The full detailed response can be found on the NFLA website.



The Peace Boat delegation discussed Irish nuclear policy with Foreign Office disarmament staff at Iveagh House, Dublin

**NFLA attends nuclear test veterans memorial stone ceremony**

The Lord Mayor of Leeds, the Deputy Leader of Leeds City Council, the NFLA's English Forum Chair and the NFLA Secretary were amongst those who attended a special ceremony to rededicate a memorial stone to Yorkshire nuclear test veterans. It was held by the British Nuclear Test

Veterans Association.

The event at Leeds Minster was the second by BNTVA which seek to refurbish and rededicate a number of memorials that remember those veterans who took part in the nuclear tests of the 1950s and 1960s. It was held close to the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

first UK nuclear test. BNTVA campaigns for official recognition of its members, as many are in poor health.

The memorial was formally unveiled by BNTVA Yorkshire test veteran Brian Gay and ex-national Chair, Nigel Heaps. NFLA supports the work of the BNTVA.

**Mayors for Peace joins with Peace Boat & Legacy Ambassadors**

The Mayors for Peace UK & Ireland Chapter, with support from the NFLA, helped to co-organise two important events in October.

The events were part of the 99<sup>th</sup> 'Global Voyage for Peace' by the Japanese Peace Boat group. Peace Boat lease a cruise ship which three times a year takes 1,200

people around the world to highlight key issues of peace and the mitigation of climate change.

The 99<sup>th</sup> Voyage saw its first visit to Liverpool, as well as visiting Dublin in mid-October.

In Liverpool, the delegation - which also included 2 survivors of the atomic bombing of

Hiroshima - met the Lord Mayor, school-children and spoke at a CND public meeting. In Dublin the delegation met the Lord Mayor, as well as Irish Foreign Affairs officials.

In early November a UK tour by the Hiroshima Peace Legacy Ambassadors will take place. It is to be profiled here next month.

**Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members**

**Visit of Hiroshima Peace Legacy Ambassadors to the UK – Manchester 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> November; Oldham 5<sup>th</sup> November; Sheffield 6<sup>th</sup> October, Coventry 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**NFLA Scotland Forum winter meeting and seminar, East Ayrshire Council Offices, Kilmarnock, November 8th**

**NFLA UK & Ireland 2018 AGM, Steering Committee and Annual Policy Seminar, Council Offices, Newry, December 7th**