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Websites / partner links:

NFLA:

<http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>
(Also links to Facebook and Twitter)

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>

Welsh RWM events moved to 'webinars'

The ongoing opposition from many Councils to a request by the UK Government to consider being a host 'volunteer' community for a deep underground radioactive waste repository intensified in March.

Following strong public opposition to such waste being stored in Northern Ireland, the

issue has widened to Wales.

Councils like Swansea, Ceredigion, Anglesey & Powys have passed strongly worded resolutions opposing the request and calling for a different strategy to manage such waste.

The level of opposition in Wales may have influen-



Attendees at the NFLA All Ireland Forum strategy meeting held in Kilkenny

ced a decision by RWM to postpone planned seminars in Swansea and Llandudno and change them into 'webinars'.

NFLA has developed a detailed factsheet on the radioactive waste storage issue. It has also responded to RWM's Site Evaluation consultation. Both documents are on the NFLA website.

Nuclear weapon tensions grow as détente breaks down

The collapse of talks over North Korea's nuclear weapons programme is part of a number of worrying signs in the global nuclear weapons issue.

President Trump cut short a summit with North Korea after it became apparent to the US Government that they could not reach a

deal acceptable to both parties.

In March a growing border tension in Kashmir has led to armed attacks between India & Pakistan. With both states possessing nuclear weapons, the potential for a wider conflict is of concern.

Amidst this, tensions

between the US and Russia grow via a major NATO exercise in the North Atlantic, following both states suspending the INF Treaty.

All this does not bode well for the upcoming NPT Conference. Mayors for Peace, NFLA, ICAN and other groups will continue to look for peaceful ways forward.

NFLA media releases – March 2019:
(On NFLA website.)

- NFLA submits its views on Sizewell C – better alternatives now exist
- As 8th Fukushima anniversary passes, NFLA remains highly concerned over aging reactors like Hunterston B
- Fermanagh & Omagh Council latest to oppose a deep underground radwaste repository
- NFLA notes McKinsey energy prediction report and calls on UK & Irish Governments to heed it



Attendees at the ONR NGO Forum held in Manchester. The meeting discussed nuclear safety, nuclear emergency planning and the role of the Environment Agency in nuclear regulation

NFLA All Ireland Forum holds strategy meeting in Kilkenny

The NFLA All Ireland Forum held a strategy meeting in Kilkenny to consider its identity, work programme and post-election development following ‘all out’ elections, north and south.

The meeting brought together councillors for a detailed discussion on

the recent concerns that many Northern Ireland Councils had over being asked if they would wish to host a radioactive waste facility.

The meeting agreed that nuclear risks and the need to push forward in Ireland with renewable energy are

the core issues of the Forum.

With Ireland a ‘nuclear free’ island it was felt a slight name change to the All-Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum would be helpful.

This will be discussed at the next NFLA Steering Committee.

NFLA publishes submission on Sizewell C proposals

The NFLA has responded in detail to EDF’s third stage consultation on its proposed new nuclear reactor at Sizewell.

The NFLA are opposed to this development, which they see as unnecessary given the rapid growth of cheaper renewables and decentralised energy alternatives.

NFLA also note there are real concerns over the environmental and climate change issues for such a site.

NFLA point out that a Sizewell C site would produce nuclear waste with 80% of the total radioactivity already created. There are also real concerns over the

impacts in a severe accident scenario.

A number of groups have submitted serious concerns over a Sizewell C development, and the local Councils complain over the lack of environmental information.

The response is on the NFLA website.

NFLA Wales to hold meeting with other groups in Anglesey

The NFLA Welsh Forum will be holding a joint public meeting with PAWB, CADNO, WANA and CND Cymru on April 13th in Menai Bridge, on the Anglesey / Gwynedd border.

With Wylfa B ‘halted’ the seminar will focus on the energy & economic alternatives to new nuclear. It will also look at the serious issues of concern with small nuclear reactors.

There will also be some focus on the radioactive waste issue.

The flyer can be found on the NFLA website and all are welcome to attend it.

NFLA letters to the media – March 2019:

- The importance of concerted effort from all Councils to assist in dealing with energy and climate change

NFLA Scotland Vice Chair to attend nuclear divestment event

The NFLA Scotland Vice-Convener, Councillor Audrey Doig, has accepted an invitation to speak at a follow-up conference in Basel that focuses on nuclear weapons and climate change divestment issues.

Cllr Doig was able to get Renfrewshire Council to be the first Scottish Council to support the 'ICAN Cities Appeal'. She will talk in Basel on the difficult issues in Councils trying to divest from companies involved in nuclear weapons and fossil fuels. A full report will follow in April.



Manchester Cabinet Member of the Environment, Cllr Angeliki Stogia, speaking at a meeting within the GM Green Summit at the Lowry, Salford Quays

NFLA meetings planned in Dundee, Leeds and Swansea

Plans for upcoming meetings of the NFLA Scotland, England and a summer Welsh Forum meetings are now well in hand.

The NFLA Scotland Forum will be meeting in Dundee City Chambers on May 10th. The meeting will profile

NFLA's new report on climate emergencies & decentralised energy, the ICAN Cities Appeal and 'Just Transition'.

The NFLA English Forum will meet in Leeds Civic Hall on May 24th. This meeting will focus on decentralised energy matters like the

Leeds Climate Commission & the GM Green Summit.

A follow up NFLA Welsh Forum is also being planned in Swansea in late June to consider the waste and decentralised energy issue. There will also be consideration of the 'Hinkley mud' issue.

Mayors for Peace launches new You Tube film on its work

The Mayors for Peace has launched a new video on 'You Tube' which highlights their core activities.

The video, which can be found at the following weblink - https://youtu.be/63FH_oYLC4oY - profiles the work being done on nuclear weapons and on developing 'safe

and resilient' cities.

The Lord Mayor of Manchester is amongst those who speak on the video. She will be visiting Japan in April to pursue official friendship links.

A Mayors for Peace delegation will be attending the upcoming UN NPT Preparatory

Conference in New York in late April / early May.

European lead cities are also considering ways to develop cooperation, which will be approved later in the year.

A statement on the Christchurch mosque attacks has gone out.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

NFLA Welsh Forum joint meeting, Telford Centre, Menai Bridge, Anglesey, April 13th

NFLA Scotland Forum, Dundee City Chambers, May 10th

NFLA English Forum, Leeds Civic Hall, May 24th

NFLA Steering Committee, Central Library, Manchester, May 31st

NFLA Welsh Forum, Swansea, June 24th (date and exact location to be confirmed)