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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>



Attendees at the NFLA Scotland
spring seminar in Dundee City
Chambers

NFLA launches climate emergency report

The NFLA has launched a major assessment of Council 'climate emergency' resolutions and how they can try to deliver 'zero carbon' towns and cities.

The report notes that over 90 Councils in the UK and Ireland have passed climate emergency or zero carbon resolutions urging them

to work faster to reduce local carbon emissions and mitigate climate change.

The NFLA report also highlights some of the most innovative work in local government to try and deliver greater carbon savings over the next 2 decades. They include examples from Edinburgh, Greater Man-

chester, Bristol and Nottingham.

The report says good work is taking place but it needs central government support to reach highly ambitious targets.

The report also outlines a large list of other good examples of local energy work. See the NFLA website for the report.

Renfrewshire Council passes nuclear divestment resolution

The NFLA Scotland Forum held in Dundee included a detailed seminar looking at climate change, 'Just Transition' and divestment issues.

Mention was made by the NFLA Scotland Vice-Convener that Renfrewshire Council had just passed a resolution calling on its pension

fund – Strathclyde – to divest from companies involved with nuclear weapons. This was discussed in the seminar along with progress in Councils backing the ICAN Cities Appeal.

The seminar also looked at the NFLA report on the climate emergency noted above, with a specific presentation on

the work of Dundee City Council in delivering a sustainable future.

The issue of delivering green jobs and rebalancing the economy from fossil fuels, defence and nuclear power to renewables was also covered.

The presentation, a media release and a full report are on the NFLA website.

NFLA media releases May 2019:
(On NFLA website.)

- NFLA welcomes W Dunbarton Council becoming the fourth UK Council to support the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty
- NFLA welcomes Renfrewshire Council divestment resolution as Scottish Forum discussed climate jobs issues
- NFLA publishes report on climate emergency resolutions and LA energy action



Bryan Harris of Dundee City Council provides an outline of the Council's sustainable energy projects



GM CND staff and Manchester's NFLA commemorative plaques in Manchester Town Hall Extension

NFLA Steering Committee discusses core policy issues

The NFLA Steering Committee is the main decision-making part of its operation. It met in Manchester at the end of the month to consider all the work areas of the Secretariat.

Good discussions were held on its activity in the areas of new nuclear build, radioact-

ive waste, nuclear safety and alternatives to nuclear power. It also considered its work with Mayors for Peace, KIMO, CNFE and on the nuclear weapons issue.

It was agreed to move the next meeting to the 13th September in Manchester to link in

with a special afternoon seminar with the UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter.

This meeting will include a presentation from the Kazakh artist and nuclear weapons campaigner Karipbek Kuyukov, who was affected by the nuclear weapon tests.

NFLA English Forum seminar looks at local energy projects

The NFLA English Forum is holding its summer meeting in Leeds Town Hall on the 21st June.

The seminar is focusing on climate change and the activities in a number of English Councils in promoting local energy schemes. It will also provide councillors, council officers and NGOs

with an overview of its report noted on page 1 of this newsletter, and outlined by the NFLA Secretary.

The Forum is pleased that Professor Andy Gouldson, the Chair of the Leeds Climate Commission will outline its innovative work in this area for the Leeds

City Region, which covers West and parts of South Yorkshire.

George Munson of Leeds and Anna Dodd of Leicester City Council will also provide some focus to innovative work to promote district heating. A flyer of the meeting is on the NFLA website.

NFLA Welsh Forum will meet in Swansea Civic Centre

Swansea City Council has agreed to host the next NFLA Welsh Forum meeting, which has been set for Friday the 6th September.

The meeting will look at

issues around why over 70 Welsh county and community Councils oppose hosting a radwaste repository. It will also look at tidal / wave energy, local energy solutions and the

Hinkley C issue. Further detail will follow.

The NFLA All Ireland Forum will meet in the autumn after major local election changes.

NFLA letters to the media – May 2019:

- It is crucial big cities pursue low carbon action
- Councils are ahead of the curve on climate change action
- Hunterston cracks are a very serious issue to resolve

Further delays with Hunterston B reopening

NFLA notes further delays in the potential reopening of Reactors 3 and 4 at the Hunterston B site.

A safety case has been put by EDF to the nuclear reactor for Reactor 4, but no such case has yet been provided by Reactor 3, which has over 300 keyway route cracks. NFLA will keep a close eye on this issue.

Chernobyl book author speaking in Edinburgh

NFLA members are encouraged to try and attend a meeting held as part of a national tour by the MIT Professor Kate Brown on her book of the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster.

This will be held in the Dugall Stewart Building, 3 Charles St, Edinburgh on the 19th July at 3pm. The book lifts the lid on the myriad issues of this disaster.

Mayors for Peace launch 'Common Appeal' at the NPT

At one of the most fractious Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Conferences in years, the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have launched a 'Common Appeal' to try to bring states together.

The Mayors for Peace delegation that attend

this last meeting before the 2020 NPT Review Conference witnessed deepening divisions between nuclear and non-nuclear weapon states. They remain concerned that next year's conference may completely break down.

The appeal seeks to

encourage states to focus on areas of common ground between them to allow for some progress in 2020. It was presented to the Committee Chair at the end of the meeting.

The appeal was agreed across the Mayors for Peace Executive and is on the NFLA website.

NFLA submits views on REPPIR approved code of practice

The NFLA Secretariat has submitted the group's views to the Office for Nuclear Regulation consultation on its draft Code of Practice for new nuclear emergency planning regulations.

The Radiation (Emergency Planning & Public Information) Regulations 2019 are currently

going through the UK Parliament. They will put in place learning points from the Fukushima disaster over the need to have plans that can deal with a wider radiation emergency.

The new regulations will mean local Councils have a greater role in producing offsite nuclear emergency plans

for civil and defence facilities. A core change is having a wider 'consequence area' should a radiation emergency extend outwards, like happened at Fukushima.

The NFLA has made some comments on the Code of Practice and is developing a full briefing on REPPIR 2019.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

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

NFLA English Forum, Leeds Town Hall, June 21st

NFLA Welsh Forum, Swansea Civic Centre, 6th September

NFLA SC & Mayors for Peace meeting, 13th September, Manchester

NFLA Scotland Forum, Dunfermline, 19th September

NFLA All Ireland Forum, Newry, 4th October (date and location tbc)