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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>

## Over 100 Councils call 'climate emergency'

The NFLA English Forum held a packed seminar in Leeds Town Hall, as the number of Councils to pass 'climate emergency' resolutions passed the 100 mark.

The seminar was attended by Councillors and Officers from across the north and the Midlands. The NFLA Secretary profiled the

NFLA's recent report on such resolutions, as well as the innovative ways Councils are delivering low carbon energy. It also looked at the 'carbon gap' to bridge to reach 'zero' emissions.

Other speakers included Professor Andy Gouldson on the work of the Leeds Climate Commission. It has been awarded gov-

ernment funding to help Councils deliver on UK low carbon priorities.

Speakers from Leeds and Leicester Councils talked about their own district heating, and wider goals on hydrogen energy.

The presentations and NFLA report can be found on the NFLA website.



George Munson of Leeds City Council speaking at the NFLA English Forum meeting in Leeds

## NFLA raise concern over new way to finance new nuclear

Like others, the NFLA are awaiting a White Paper from the UK Government that will set out its views on the funding of new nuclear.

After the collapse of the Moorside and Wylfa B developments, and the problems in funding Hinkley Point C, it is expected that the Government will advocate

use of the 'Regulated Asset Base (RAB) model.

There is real concern from NFLA that this will put the financial risks of new nuclear from the energy utility to the public purse, and could see a significant increase in energy bills.

NFLA issued a media

release outlining detailed concerns of the privileged status given to new nuclear compared to cheaper renewables.

A discussion took place at the BEIS NGO Forum where it was confirmed that the Government were currently testing variants of this model. The NFLA reports on this are on its website.

**NFLA media releases June 2019:**  
*(On NFLA website.)*

- NFLA welcomes resolutions from Edinburgh and Midlothian on the TPNW and nuclear divestment
- NFLA are concerned that EDF want to put most of the financial risks of new nuclear on to the public purse
- NFLA hold seminar on the climate emergency and calls for effective central government action



A climate emergency demonstration in London on the same day as the BEIS NGO Forum



Leicester's Energy Manager Anna Dodd presents to the NFLA its work in developing district heating

## NFLA Secretary raises nuclear EP issues at BEIS NGO Forum

A core part of the NFLA's work is to represent its members at a number of important stakeholder forums.

One such forum is the BEIS NGO Nuclear Policy Forum, which brings critical groups to interface with the UK Government. Ministers and senior officials attend

these meetings, along with key representatives from the ONR, NDA, RWM, CORWM & the EA.

The June meeting included discussion on the funding of new nuclear, future energy scenarios, siting and radioactive waste management. The NFLA

Secretary raised concerns over nuclear emergency planning issues as new REPPIR regulations are put into place. Further discussion was agreed upon.

A NFLA report of its views on this matter and nuclear transport issues will be published shortly.

## More Councils look to pass TPNW & divestment resolutions

A number of NFLA and Mayors for Peace member authorities have now passed resolutions which support the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and divestment from nuclear weapon companies.

The ICAN Cities Appeal, which NFLA and Mayors for Peace supports has

been backed by close to 100 influential towns and cities, as well as by state and federal legislatures.

Edinburgh joined Manchester, Renfrewshire and Hebden Royd Town Council passing resolutions supporting the TPNW and the ICAN Cities Appeal with cross-

party support.

Midlothian Council has joined with Renfrewshire and W Dunbartonshire Councils in passing resolutions that call on their pension funds to divest from nuclear weapon companies. NFLA warmly welcome all of these resolutions.

## NFLA September and October seminars take shape

The dates, locations and content of future NFLA Forum meetings are shaping up.

The NFLA Welsh Forum will meet in Swansea Civic Centre to discuss

core issues in its policy agenda.

Also being held in September are a Scottish Forum meeting in Fife and a NFLA Steering Committee meeting in

Manchester.

In October, an Irish Forum meeting is being planned as well as an English Forum joint meeting in Colchester. Full details to follow.

**NFLA letters to the media – June 2019:**

- Action on nuclear convoys needs to be urgently resolved
- Scotland needs to focus on renewables
- Scottish energy futures does not need new nuclear

**Hunterston B safety case with ONR**

NFLA notes that EDF has presented its safety case for the reopening of Reactors 3 and 4 at the Hunterston B site.

ONR, the nuclear regulator is now considering closely this matter.

NFLA has requested a meeting with the Deputy Chief Nuclear Inspector to discuss this matter further.

**Chernobyl documentary opens minds**

The joint Sky Atlantic/ HBO drama 'Chernobyl' has been shown to be one of the channel's most popular programmes and it has been critically acclaimed.

The drama outlines in detail and in a moving way what took place on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1986. NFLA strongly encourages people to try and watch it to find out about the world's worst nuclear disaster.

## Joint Mayors for Peace / NFLA seminar announced

An excellent speaker programme to coincide with International Peace Day and support a national tour organised by the Kazakh Embassy has now been agreed upon.

The joint NFLA / Mayors for Peace / PNND/ Kazakh Embassy semin-

ar will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Manchester Central Library.

Keynote speaker will be Kazakh artist and campaigner Karipbek Kuyukov. He was born close to the Soviet nuclear tests at Semipalatinsk with shrunken arms, but his art has inspired

many. He will be also speaking at the UK and Scottish Parliaments.

Other seminar speakers include Vijay Mehta of Uniting for Peace, Dr Becky Alexis-Martin of Manchester Metropolitan University and Dave Cullen of NIS. A flyer is on the NFLA website.

## Project G event / Hiroshima & Nagasaki event planning

A special event that continues progress with Manchester's 'Project G' is being held on July 1st.

Project G was begun in 2014 when Manchester received ginkgo tree seeds from Hiroshima. These derive from a mother tree that was close to the hypocentre of the Hiro-

shima atomic weapon attack. Despite damage it regrew the following spring and is a powerful symbol of peace.

The 1<sup>st</sup> July event will see Manchester Met University unveil its ginkgo tree and a plaque in a ceremony led by the Lord Mayor of Manchester. 6 local primary schools and the

Children's Hospital will also receive plaques for their own trees, which they have all named.

This will lead on to encouraging all our member Councils to host events for the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which will be noted next month.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**Hiroshima & Nagasaki Day events, national, 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**NFLA Welsh Forum, Swansea Civic Centre, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**NFLA SC & Mayors for Peace meeting, Manchester Central Library, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**NFLA Scotland Forum, Dunfermline, 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**NFLA All Ireland Forum, 4<sup>th</sup> October (date and location tbc)**

**NFLA / BANNG / TASC joint meeting, Colchester, 25<sup>th</sup> September (date tbc)**