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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>



Participants at Manchester's Project
G tree planting ceremony

New PM, new support for new nuclear?

The change of UK Prime Minister to Boris Johnson means that it looks unlikely there will be any change in the Government's stance on new nuclear, despite major setbacks to such schemes in the past year.

In his first session of PM Questions, Mr Johnson reiterated strong

support for new nuclear, both in terms of nuclear power and in the replacement of the Trident programme.

Just preceding his election as PM, the UK Government issued a new consultation on using the Revenue Asset Base (RAB) model to fund new nuclear power stations.

NFLA notes that various Parliamentary committees and energy experts are very critical of the RAB model, which they argue puts considerable financial risk in building nuclear reactors on to the public purse.

NFLA will respond in full to the consultation, raising its deep concerns with the RAB model.

NFLA meets Deputy Chief Nuclear Inspector over Hunterston

The NFLA Secretary and independent radiation biology consultant Dr Ian Fairlie held a productive meeting with the UK Deputy Chief Nuclear Inspector and the Lead Inspector over the safety case for Reactors 3 & 4 of the Hunterston B site.

Both reactors have been closed for many months

due to concerns with the amount and types of keyway root cracks found in the graphite bricks of each reactor.

Particular concern has been raised on Reactor 3, where 377 of such cracks have been found. Reactor 4 has less keyway root cracks, but there still remains real concern with it.

A detailed note of the meeting is being agreed between the ONR and the NFLA and will be published on our website shortly.

The current closure of the Hunterston B reactors is one part of why EDF UK's earnings have dropped significantly this year. The NFLA will keep a close eye on this critical safety issue.

NFLA media releases July 2019:

(On NFLA website.)

- NFLA support joint report on small nuclear reactors
- NFLA welcomes more climate emergency resolutions
- NFLA raise concerns over proposed increased ILW transports to Hinkley Point A
- NFLA welcomes nuclear convoy report but calls on action to fully implement concerning issues from it



The NDA Stakeholder Summit in Coleg Menai, Anglesey



The Lord Mayor of Manchester at the Bells for Peace event

NCG / NFLA publish joint report on small reactors

The NFLA Secretary is one of the co-authors of an important, detailed and influential report assessing the prospects for Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMRs) in the UK and around the world.

The report by Professor Steve Thomas, Dr Paul Dorfman and Professor

M V Ramana assesses each of the proposed reactor designs for SMRs that have been put forward by the nuclear industry.

In the UK, the report looks in detail at Rolls Royce’s designs and the report raises real concern over the demands being placed

on the UK Government to provide finance to the company to deliver it.

The report concludes that the complexity and the costs of the technology are such that it is unlikely only a few reactors may be built. The report is on the NFLA website.

NFLA Welsh Forum to look at the ‘climate emergency’ issue

The recent meetings of the NFLA English and Scottish Forums have had a particular focus on the climate emergency. This is due to now over 100 Councils passing resolutions pledging each of them to radically bring down carbon emissions over the next decade.

The NFLA have also

produced a detailed report on this issue and concluded that there remains a ‘carbon gap’ to achieve ‘net zero’ emissions that requires central government assistance. This report, on the NFLA website has been welcomed by many councils.

A detailed assessment

of the situation in Ireland has also been done, and will be published in August.

The Welsh Forum will now look at this issue in its September meeting, with speakers including the Leader of Swansea City Council. A flyer for this meeting is on the NFLA website.

NFLA concern over Hinkley Point transport / Flamanville delay

The NFLA has submitted a detailed response to Somerset County Council raising concerns over the planned increase of nuclear material transports as the NDA seeks to move radwaste from a

number of southern nuclear sites to a store in Hinkley Point. NFLA has also asked pointed questions to the NDA over the increase in such transports. See the NFLA website for it.

On a separate Hinkley issue, EDF has announced a 3 year delay in completing its Flamanville reactor. This is identical to the planned Hinkley C reactor and is a real blow to EDF.

Scottish Government publishes nuclear weapon convoys safety report

The Scottish Government has published a report from senior Police & Fire officers which assesses the safety of MOD nuclear weapon convoys that pass through Scotland.

The report largely argues the convoys are safely undertaken in Scotland, but it has identified a number of key learning points from most agencies.

NFLA argues more still needs to be done. See the NFLA website for its media release on this issue.

NFLA Chair and Secretary attend the NDA Stakeholder Summit

The NFLA Chair and NFLA Secretary attended the annual Stakeholder Summit of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA).

In a pre-NuLEAF meeting the NDA ceo noted real challenges to a NFLA question over how it will deal with budget issues as its reprocessing income declines.

The Summit highlighted some useful issues, but with little critical comment.

NFLA Forums and Steering Committee progress

With August being a period of recess in local government – though many Councils will remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day – the NFLA is planning for core meetings of its four Forums and Steering Committee.

The Welsh Forum

meeting will be held in Swansea as noted above on September 6th.

On September 13th, the NFLA Steering Committee will meet with a special afternoon seminar with Mayors for Peace. An international speaker panel will consider core issues.

The NFLA Scottish Forum will meet in Dunfermline on September 19th. As well as a business meeting this will look at core nuclear issues like Rosyth and Dalgety Bay.

The All Ireland and English Forum are planning meetings in October in the Dublin area and in Colchester.

Ginkgo event / Bells for Peace / Hiroshima & Nagasaki day

Two major events were held in Manchester in July which celebrated its role as a Vice President of the Mayors for Peace.

On the 1st July, the 8th Hiroshima peace ginkgo tree was planted at Manchester Metropolitan University. Joining the Lord Mayor of Manchester were uni-

versity staff and schoolchildren from the schools which have already planted trees.

On the 4th July, the Manchester International Festival began with the 'Bells for Peace' event. At this event, over 4,000 people joined with Yoko Ono and the Lord Mayor of Manchester to ring out

bells and call for a more peaceful world.

Early August will see many NFLA & Mayors for Peace members hold special events for the 74th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic weapon attacks. A Mayors for Peace progress report can be found on the NFLA website.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Day events, national, 6th & 9th August

NFLA Welsh Forum, Swansea Civic Centre, 6th Sept

NFLA SC & Mayors for Peace meeting, Manchester Central Library, 13th Sept

NFLA Scotland Forum, Dunfermline, 19th September

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

NFLA / BANNG / TASC joint meeting, Colchester, 11th October (date tbc)