



**Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM seminar
Friday 6th December 2013
Committee Room 4, County Hall,
Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4UW**



Nuclear security, nuclear weapons and nuclear new build – key issues for consideration by the NFLA

The 2013 UK & Ireland NFLA Annual Policy Seminar will look at three issues of real importance in the current nuclear policy debate – nuclear security and risks, the nuclear weapons debate, and the nuclear new build debate.

Throughout the year there have been a number of issues around whether the UK is sufficiently protected from a malicious nuclear materials incident, and whether the UK Government's policies are preventing proliferation of nuclear materials. How secure is the UK and what measures should be taken to improve nuclear security in the UK and protect it and its neighbours?

Over the next two years, the UK debate over Trident replacement and the UK nuclear weapons programme will hot up. It is already a part of the Scottish independence referendum debate and will be a part of the 2015 UK General Election campaign, which will be held at the same time as the next Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. What are the prospects for this debate and how can NFLA and other groups influence the agenda of the main political parties on Trident replacement?

Furthermore, 2013 has seen considerable discussion on whether approval is given and financing can be raised by EDF to build the first new nuclear reactor at Hinkley Point for over two decades. What are the prospects for new nuclear and how can groups like the NFLA assist the development of a more effective cross-party coalition of support at Westminster, Dublin, Stormont, Holyrood, Cardiff Bay and Brussels to challenge such developments?

This FREE seminar will consider such questions and provide some expert contributions. All NFLA member councils are welcome to attend. It is also open to non member authorities and NGOs.

FINAL PROGRAMME

- 1.30pm Welcome by Councillor Sue Lent, NFLA representative, Cardiff City Council.
- 1.35pm Nuclear security and proliferation – key issues of concern. Dr David Lowry, Former Director of European Proliferation Information Centre (confirmed)
- 2.00pm The Trident replacement debate in the international nuclear ban debate: prospects for 2014 and 2015 – Dr Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director of Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy (confirmed)
- 2.25pm Developing a stronger cross-party Parliamentary voice to challenge new nuclear build and nuclear weapons development, Paul Flynn MP, Newport West (confirmed)
- 2.50pm Panel Discussion led by Councillor Ed Bridges, Cardiff City Council and NFLA Welsh Forum Co-Chair for a 3.30pm finish).

To register email the NFLA Secretary, Sean Morris – s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk as soon as possible. Ring 0161 234 3244 for further details.