



Nuclear Free Local Authorities All Ireland Forum Winter 2014 Meeting **NFLA All Ireland Forum business meeting & seminar -** **Ireland's future energy policy and UK nuclear update**

- **NFLA's response to Irish Energy Green Paper over the future development of energy in Ireland**
- **What are the public health risks to Ireland of UK new nuclear build?**
- **How should community energy be developed in Ireland?**
- **Local Authority Energy Service Companies – a blueprint for Ireland?**

Friday 12th December 2014, Members Room, Dublin City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2.

The Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) All Ireland Forum's Winter 2014 seminar and business meeting will allow councillors, council officers and interested groups to discuss in detail key energy issues affecting Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, and the positive role the NFLA are playing in this debate.

The seminar will consider three major issues of interest to councillors, council officers and community groups:

- A major European Commission decision on the UK Government's deal with Electricite de France (EDF) to build new nuclear reactors will be made shortly. The Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland (RPII) has published a report outlining the environmental and public health issues of a UK new nuclear programme on Ireland. An independent marine pollution consultant has studied this report and the seminar will relate his concerns over the report and of the marine pollution and health risks from radioactive discharges into the Irish Sea.
- The Irish Government has launched a Green Paper to initiate a debate over the future direction of energy policy across Ireland; and energy connectivity between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and wider to Britain. What are the NFLA's views on the Green Paper and what is its energy vision for Ireland?
- In Britain and across Europe, many local authorities are developing more definitive policies towards developing renewable energy and energy efficiency programmes. NFLA has studied the exciting development of Local Authority Energy Service Companies in Britain. Are they a potential answer to future energy needs; and could they be developed in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland?
- Across Ireland, interest in the development of community energy projects is growing. Can they positively contribute to Ireland's future energy needs, and how?

This FREE seminar will consider these matters. It is open to councillors, council officers, environmental and public health officers, local energy companies & local interested groups. It is also planned to have a short business meeting for new councillors to discuss the future direction and development of the NFLA in Ireland.

PROGRAMME (speakers may be subject to change)

10.30am	Registration and light refreshments.
10.45am	Opening welcomes by senior Dublin Councillor and by Councillor Mark Dearey, Louth County Council and Co-Chair of the NFLA All Ireland Forum.
10.50am	What are the marine pollution and public health risks to Ireland of a UK new nuclear reactor programme? Responding to the RPII report – Tim Deere-Jones, independent marine pollution consultant.
11.20am	The NFLA vision for the future development of energy policy in Ireland: responding to the Irish Government Energy Paper, and the implications of new nuclear build to Ireland – Pete Roche, NFLA Policy Advisor.
11.50am	Developing community energy in Ireland – a case study. Donal Traynor, UC Investment Trust, developing cross border community energy projects.
12.20pm	Developing Local Authority Energy Service Companies in Britain – a potential energy solution for Irish Councils? Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary.
1.00pm	Panel discussion chaired by the Co-Chair of the NFLA All Ireland Forum, Councillor Michael Carr, Newry & Mourne District Council and NFLA All Ireland Forum Chair.
1.30pm	Seminar conclusion.



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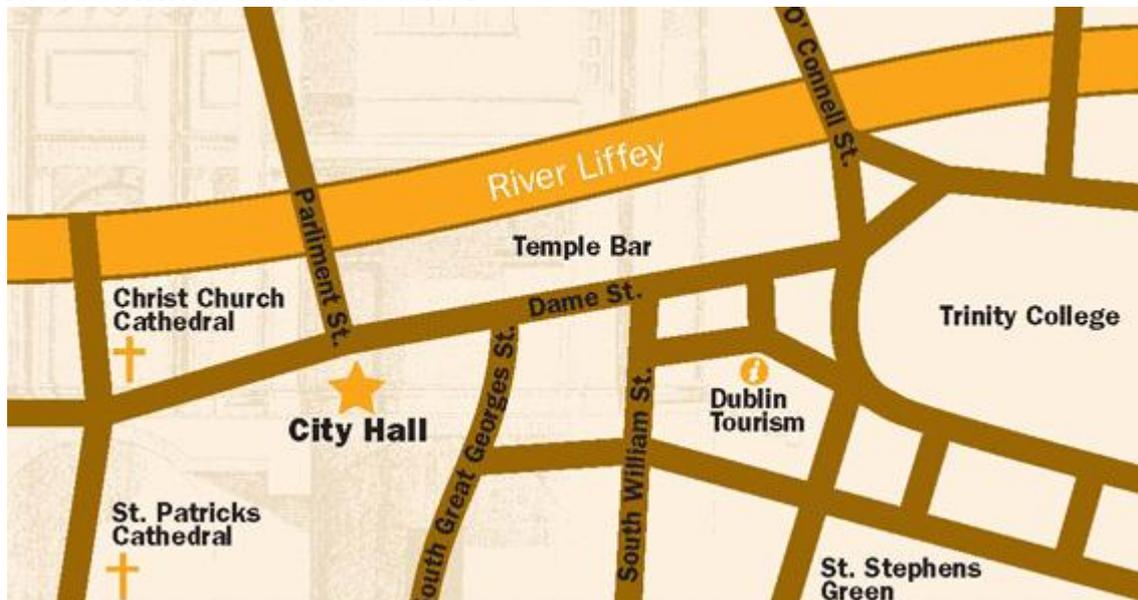
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Registration Details

The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers and interested environmental groups. If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and post, email or fax to the address at the bottom of this form:

Name	Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

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