



Nuclear Free Local Authorities Ireland Spring Seminar: **Key energy issues affecting Ireland –**

- **What are the risks to Ireland of a UK new nuclear programme?**
- **Ireland's onshore wind – an answer to low carbon energy in the British and Irish Isles?**
- **Fuel poverty in Ireland – how do we alleviate it?**

Friday 7th June 2013, Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords, North County Dublin

The NFLA All Ireland Forum's spring 2013 seminar will allow councillors, council officers and interested groups to hear more about three key energy issues affecting Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

At present, the UK Government is passing through the UK Parliament an Energy Bill which will include financing for a number of new nuclear power stations. Final arrangements for developing the first nuclear reactor are being considered for Hinkley Point in Somerset. The Republic of Ireland Government's Environment Minister has asked the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland (RPII) to consider what may be the health, marine and environmental risks to the island of Ireland from such a programme. This report is expected to be published on the 29th April and this seminar will be the first event where it will be considered in detail in a public setting. This seminar will allow the RPII to explain the report's key findings. The NFLA are also inviting an independent consultant on radioactivity in the environment to put forward his own analysis of the risks to Ireland from a new nuclear programme.

Recently the UK and Irish Governments signed an agreement for the export of onshore wind energy from a proposed huge wind energy development in the Irish Midlands. Will such a development be part of a blueprint for co-operation in the development of low carbon energy in the British and Irish Isles? Should such large developments be encouraged, given their visual intrusion, or are there other potentially better alternatives?

Such developments are also important when considering the higher levels of fuel poverty in Ireland compared to Britain. The NFLA report on tackling fuel poverty and promoting energy efficiency will be profiled to explain the role Irish Councils can play in assisting the most vulnerable of communities.

This FREE seminar is open to councillors, council officers, environmental health officers and interested groups to find out more about all of these issues.

PROGRAMME (speakers may be subject to change)

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| 10.30am | Registration, tea and coffee. |
| 11.00am | Opening welcomes by Councillor Michael O'Donovan, Fingal County Council and Councillor Michael Carr, Newry & Mourne District Council and Co-Chair of the NFLA All Ireland Forum. |
| 11.05am | RPII report on the radiological risks to Ireland of a UK new nuclear programme – Dr Ciara McMahon, Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland (confirmed) |
| 11.30am | An independent assessment of the radiological risks to Ireland for a UK new nuclear programme – Dr Ian Fairlie, independent consultant on radioactivity in the environment (confirmed) |
| 11.55pm | The proposed major onshore wind development in the Irish Midlands: a key answer to a low carbon future or too large for Ireland? – Grattan Healy, Board Member of the Strategic Energy Authority of Ireland and co-founder of the National Offshore Wind Association of Ireland (confirmed) |
| 12.20pm | Fuel poverty and energy efficiency in Ireland – how can both be dealt with effectively? Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary (confirmed) |
| 12.35pm | Panel discussion chaired by the Co-Chair of the NFLA All Ireland Forum, Councillor Mark Dearey, Dundalk Town Council. |
| 1.00pm | Seminar conclusion (followed by buffet lunch). |



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Friday 7th June, Council Offices, Swords, Fingal, North County Dublin

Registration Details

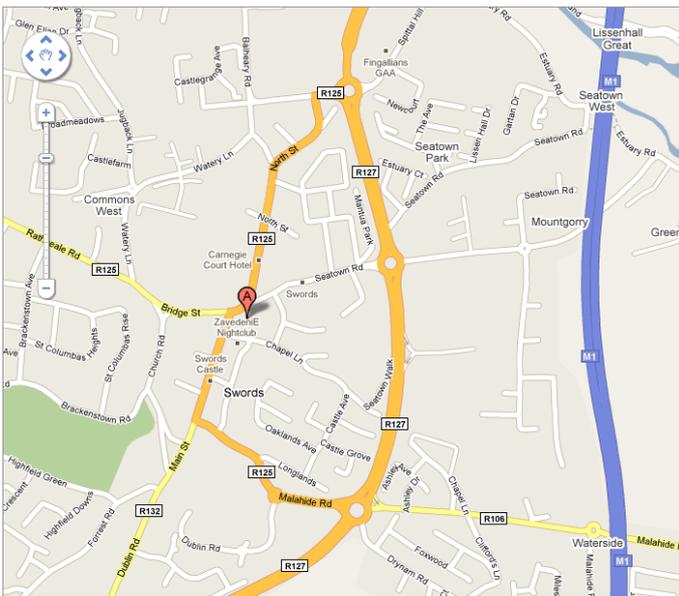
The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers and interested environmental groups.

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)

Venue and hotel details:

Fingal County Hall is in the town of Swords which is 2 miles from Dublin International Airport. Taxis and buses go from the airport to Swords town centre. If coming by car, Swords is close to the main Dublin – Belfast M1 motorway and is clearly signposted, the junction before (or after, depending on direction) the airport.



Venue: Fingal County Hall (North County Dublin), Main Street, Swords, Co. Fingal

Hotels around the Venue:

- Carnegie Court Hotel, North Street, Swords from €66
- Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport from €67
- Bewleys Hotel, Dublin Airport from €59
- Travelodge Dublin Airport from €39
- Hilton Dublin Airport from €67
- Premier Inn Dublin Airport from €59

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