



## Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland Seminar Nuclear decommissioning, nuclear risks and alternative energy futures in Scotland – positive ways forward

**Date:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014, 12.30pm – 3.00pm

**Location:** Perth City Chambers, High Street, Perth.

This NFLA Scotland seminar has been organised to allow for discussion over some of the key nuclear policy / energy policy issues in Scotland, particularly as sites like Dounreay and Chapelcross are decommissioned and jobs decline in the sector here and across Scotland. Is community energy one of the answers to fill this jobs gap? Can local authorities also play a greater role in developing renewable energy, energy efficiency and microgeneration programmes over the next decade? What remain the NFLA's concerns over radioactive contamination issues at sites in Scotland, and why are groups like the NFLA and HANT concerned over the safe transportation of nuclear materials in Scotland?

The issues being considered at this meeting include:

- Nuclear sites decommissioning – what strategies should be put in place for regenerating areas of Scotland where the nuclear sector is in decline, like Caithness and North Sutherland?
- How could Councils play a major role in developing energy policy in the future – thus creating new jobs and alleviating fuel poverty?
- Radioactive risks in Scotland - Why did it take so long for the UK Government to explain a leak on the experimental Dounreay reactor for new Trident submarines, and what should be done about it? What are the concerns over radium contamination at Dalgety Bay in Fife, and what other Scottish (and UK) sites could be similarly affected? What are the risks in transporting radioactive waste at Hunterston and Torness?
- Dounreay radwaste rail / sea transports to Sellafield - What are the key concerns over the safety of Higher Level Waste rail transports and proposed sea transports to Sellafield?

The NFLA Scotland Forum is also holding a business meeting for its members and for Councillors from non-member authorities who may be interested in what it does, and how it is influencing the nuclear policy / energy / nuclear weapons debates. This FREE seminar is open to all interested councillors and officers in Scotland, and local interested groups and individuals.

### ***PROGRAMME (may be subject to change)***

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| 10.30am | NFLA Scotland business meeting ( <i>non member authorities can observe on request</i> )                                                                                                                                                        |
| 12.00pm | Lunch for NFLA Scotland members                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12.30pm | <b>Seminar Registration:</b> Tea/Coffee                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 12.45pm | <b>Welcomes:</b> Councillor Ann Younger, Perth & Kinross Council and Councillor Bill Butler, NFLA Scotland Convenor                                                                                                                            |
| 12.50pm | The post-Dounreay Economy in Caithness and North Sutherland – Eann Sinclair, Programme Manager, Caithness & N Sutherland Regeneration Partnership (confirmed)                                                                                  |
| 1.15pm  | LA Energy Service Companies – can local authorities help play an important part in the alternative renewable energy revolution? Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary (confirmed)                                                                        |
| 1.40pm  | NFLA concerns over radioactive contamination at Dounreay and Dalgety Bay; and over radioactive waste transfer at Hunterston and Torness – Pete Roche, NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor (confirmed)                                                 |
| 2.05pm  | Transportation of Dounreay's nuclear materials by rail or by sea to Sellafield – is it a safe solution for reducing the nuclear legacy in Scotland? Tor Justad and John Boocock, Vice Chairs of Highland against Nuclear Transport (confirmed) |
| 2.30 pm | Panel discussion (for 3pm finish)                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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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:

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**Venue and details of accommodation:**

Perth & Kinross Council Offices are on 5 High Street in Perth City Centre, close to the junction with Tay Street and the River Tay. To download a map of the city centre of Perth go to:

<http://www.scotland.maps2013.co.uk/perth.html>.

A new Premier Inn Hotel fairly close to the Council Offices has just opened in Perth and you can book rooms by going on its website: <http://www.premierinn.com/en/perth-hotels.html>.

For other hotel and B & B options in Perth visit the website <http://www.hotelsperthscotland.co.uk>

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**NFLA Website:** <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>

NFLA thanks Perth & Kinross Council for kindly agreeing to host the NFLA Scotland business meeting and the NFLA Scotland autumn seminar.