



Nuclear Free Local Authorities Ireland Seminar

Key nuclear policy issues for Irish local authorities in 2011

Date: Friday 1st April 2011

Location: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry, County Down, Northern Ireland

This NFLA spring seminar will inform Irish Councils of a number of relevant nuclear policy issues that they need to be aware of and interested in.

Firstly, the world has looked on in horror at the explosions and radioactive leak from the Fukushima nuclear reactor in Japan, following a huge earthquake and tsunami hit the north east coast. What impact will this have on the UK's nuclear renaissance for new nuclear reactors? Linked to this, the NFLA recently attended the OSPAR Radiation Substances Committee and found out that radioactive discharges from the Sellafield nuclear power plant into the Irish Sea had dramatically risen in 2009, and were likely to continue to increase until at least 2016. Will international treaty arrangements to reduce such discharges to 'close to zero' by 2020 therefore not be met and what does that mean for Irish coastal authorities in particular. What should be the response from the new Irish Government and Irish Councils to this and the continued development of a new suite of nuclear powers on the British west Irish Sea coast?

Secondly, a special exhibition on the Hiroshima-Nagasaki atomic bombings and the work of the Mayors for Peace was officially launched in the Sean Hollywood Newry Arts Centre and will be available to visit until April 8th. But, what is the Mayors for Peace and why should Irish Councils join this organisation and the NFLA?

Finally, April 26th 2011 will the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster – the world's worst nuclear disaster. Some Irish farms were contaminated for years after, and many still remain in Wales. Chernobyl Children's International are famous across Ireland for their humanitarian work bringing Belarusian children in remission from cancers for recuperative holidays along with caring projects in affected areas of Belarus.

All these issues will be considered in the seminar. This FREE seminar is open to all councillors, council officers and interested groups across Ireland.

FINAL PROGRAMME (Speakers may be subject to change)

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| 10.30am | Registration |
| 11.00am | Opening welcome by the Co-Chair of the NFLA All-Ireland Forum and Newry and Mourne Councillor, Michael Carr. |
| 11.10am | What will be the impact of the Japanese nuclear incident on nuclear power in the UK? Why also are Sellafield discharges increasing and why should Irish Councils be concerned about new nuclear build in England and Wales? Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary (confirmed) |
| 11.40am | The international work of Mayors for Peace and why Irish Councils should join it? Mathias Breyne, Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Co-ordinator (confirmed) |
| 12.10pm | The humanitarian work of the Chernobyl Children's Appeal and how Irish Councils can assist. Speaker from Chernobyl Children's Appeal Northern Ireland (invited) |
| 12.40pm | Panel discussion chaired by the Co-Chair of the NFLA All Ireland Forum, Councillor Ollan Herr, Dundalk Town Council . |
| 1.00pm | Close. (Followed by a short 30 minute NFLA All Ireland Forum business meeting). |



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Registration Details

The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers and local interested community 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:

Newry and Mourne Civic Offices are off Monaghan Row in the city centre. To download a map go to Google maps and type in the postcode BT35 8DL. The train station is a 10 minute walk or short bus / taxi ride to the Council Offices and is on the main Dublin – Belfast train link.

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Failte Hotel Newry, 4 Sugarhouse Quay BT35 6HZ 02830 252560

Canal Court Hotel, Merchants Quay, BT35 8HF 02830 251234

Belmont Hall Hotel, 18 Devonshire Road 02830 262163

Francis Court Hotel, 13 – 19 Francis Street, BT35 8BQ

Mourne Country Hotel, 52 Belfast Road, BT34 1TR 02830 267922

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