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### **Useful website Links:**

**NFLA:** <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>  
**Mayors for Peace:** <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>  
**2020 Vision:** <http://www.2020visioncampaign.org>  
**KIMO:** <http://www.kimointernational.org>  
**ICAN-UK:** <http://www.ican-uk.org>



The European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels, venue for an inquiry into crisis communications around European reactors

## NFLA speaks at EESC hearing

The NFLA Secretary gave his assessment of crisis communications around nuclear sites at a major event in Brussels organised by the European Economic & Social Committee.

The EESC are advising the European Commission on how to improve crisis communications to deal with a

Fukushima type incident at an EU nuclear reactor.

The NFLA Secretary argued that EU states, nuclear regulators and the industry needed to be more willing to be open and transparent with the local and wider public in providing communications in an emergency. The use of a wide range of media

tools, including social media was encouraged. Understanding the communications issues from Fukushima is critical.

Other speakers included regulators, EDF comms staff and groups involved in transparency. A weblink to the presentations is being placed on the NFLA website.

## Parliamentary hearing call for changes to UK weapons policy

The NFLA Chair and Secretary attended an important event at Westminster to discuss UK defence policy and disarmament responsibilities.

The Nuclear Education Trust event launched a report which argued for a full public debate on the key issues around Trident replacement.

The event was chaired by Margaret Beckett MP, the former UK Foreign Secretary. There were also contributions from former Defence Ministers Nick Harvey & James Arbuthnot, former Chief Whip Nick Brown and CND's Kate Hudson.

The NFLA Chair argued in the seminar it was essential to understand the financial and moral

problems with a Trident replacement policy and the need for defence diversification.

All present argued that the UK Government should be present at the nuclear weapons conference taking place in Mexico. Mayors for Peace and ICAN-UK attended it. The NET report can be found on its website.

**NFLA media releases**  
**February 2014:**  
***(On NFLA website.)***

- Trident replacement – is it time for a change of UK policy at last?
- Sellafield partial closure – NFLA concerned about 'elevated' radioactivity on the site
- Is the extreme weather likely to generate an increase of radioactivity doses on some coastal populations?

**NFLA, CNFE AND**  
**STOP HINKLEY**  
**SUBMISSION TO**  
**EUROPEAN**  
**COMMISSION READY**  
**TO GO**

The NFLA will shortly be submitting a response to the European Commission giving its views on the UK Government's 'strike price' deal with EDF to build new nuclear reactors at Hinkley Point.

The initial Commission view is sharply critical of the UK – EDF deal. A request for public comments is due in early March. The NFLA will argue the deal is illegal state aid and will distort the market. Further detail will follow in the March NFLA newsletter.

## Submarine intermediate level waste shortlist announced

After some delay, the Ministry of Defence has announced a shortlist of five sites that will be considered for storing intermediate level radioactive waste from over 25 redundant nuclear powered submarines.

The MOD plans to dismantle submarines at Rosyth and Devonport

and place ILW reactor pressure vessels into one of five shortlisted sites, until a deep waste repository is built.

The five sites are Chapelcross, Sellafield, Aldermaston, Burghfield and Capenhurst.

The NFLA Chair and NFLA Secretary have

been invited to a pre-engagement workshop in Penrith in April. A second workshop is also taking place in Bristol.

The NFLA has taken a full part in the Submarine Dismantling Project and will continue to participate in finding a long-term solution to this waste issue.

## NFLA Wales joins forces for Wylfa public meeting

The NFLA Welsh Forum joins with 'People Against Wylfa B', Friends of the Earth Cymru & CND Cymru to host a public meeting on key issues around Wylfa B.

The meeting will be in Caernarfon. It gives an opportunity to raise with the north Wales public and councillors concerns

over Wylfa B. Speakers include Carl Clowes, who will recount with his son Cian Ciaran (of the music group Super Furry Animals) their visit to the Fukushima area and their views on that incident in relation to new build at Wylfa.

Neil Crumpton will provide an overview of

the alternatives to new nuclear for Wales. The NFLA Secretary will also outline its joint nuclear subsidies paper to the European Commission. Tim Deere-Jones will speak of concerns on the effects of severe weather on marine discharges. A bilingual flyer is on the NFLA website.

## NFLA Scotland discuss Dalgety Bay and other nuclear issues

NFLA Scotland held its AGM and a business meeting in Glasgow City Chambers.

The NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor provided a presentation raising

issues including the clean-up of Dalgety Bay, Scottish renewable energy & waste policy, Dounreay decommissioning and the ongoing submarine dismantling project.

Councillors Bill Butler and Bill Brown were re-elected as Convenor & Vice-Convenor.

2014 meetings are planned for Clydebank, Inverness & Edinburgh.

## NFLA challenge OSPAR RSC over Sellafield discharges

### **NFLA letters to media, February 2014: (emailed to members)**

- It's about time the centre right engaged with the need for sustainable & green energy solutions
- Osbourne's energy policy is overly expensive, clearly ideological and the wrong answer to our energy needs
- Responding to the '10 myths' of nuclear power
- Effort needed on all sides to keep Scotland's renewable revolution on track

### **COUNCILS SUPPORT RESOLUTION ON NUCLEAR TEST VETERANS**

Manchester City Council & other NFLA members have passed resolutions of support for British nuclear test veterans.

The model resolution calls on recognising the debt of gratitude to such veterans. It also calls for a £25 million donation from the Government to set up a benevolent fund to assist veterans and their dependents. NFLA members are urged to pass such resolutions.

The NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor represented NFLA and KIMO International at the 2014 OSPAR Radiation Substances Committee (RSC) held in London.

The Policy Advisor presented a joint report raising concerns on the lack of progress in reaching 'close to zero'

radioactive discharges into the sea, mainly from Sellafield and Cap de la Hague.

The report noted the incongruence of the Sellafield Magnox reprocessing operating until 2028, despite the OSPAR Treaty seeking to reach 'close to zero' radioactive discharges

by 2020. The joint report was fully noted by the RSC. DECC delegates have also offered to meet the NFLA separately to discuss these issues – an offer which NFLA are taking up.

The NFLA / KIMO report can be found on the NFLA website.

## NFLA SC to meet in Leeds / NFLA Ireland meeting in Newry

The NFLA Steering Committee and English Forum will be holding a business meeting and joint seminar in Leeds at the end of March.

A part of the NFLA archive is hosted by Leeds Metropolitan University and the meeting will allow a visit of the archive.

The afternoon seminar will consider radioactive waste, local authority energy issues & nuclear disarmament progress.

Meanwhile, a NFLA All Ireland Forum business meeting and seminar is being planned for early April in Newry, the host of the NFLA All Ireland Forum Secretariat.

It is planned to consider nuclear policy, energy policy and Irish foreign policy issues.

The flyer for the Leeds seminar is on the NFLA website. The agenda for the business meeting and flyer for the Newry seminar will be emailed to members shortly.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**Joint CND & Green Cross Fukushima seminar (supported by NFLA), Westminster, 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**NFLA Welsh Forum, Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**NFLA Steering Committee, Leeds Civic Hall, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**NFLA English Forum / SC joint seminar, Leeds Civic Hall, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**NFLA All Ireland Forum, Council Offices, Newry, 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**NFLA Scotland Forum, Town Hall, Clydebank, 25<sup>th</sup> April**