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KEY 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>

NFLA submit OSPAR reports

The NFLA Secretariat has submitted three reports, in co-operation with KIMO and Greenpeace, to the OSPAR Radiation Substances Committee, which takes place in IAEA offices in Vienna on 31st Jan – 2nd Feb.

The Committee brings 14 West European governments together

to seek improvements in the marine environment of the North East Atlantic, including all UK and Irish territorial waters.

The reports focus on the learning points from the Fukushima incident for the OSPAR area; the potential marine effects of proposed UK new nuclear build projects;

and concerns over the developments of Russian floating nuclear power plants.

The meeting will give NFLA and KIMO the opportunity to lobby and influence OSPAR policy and raise important marine concerns. The February newsletter will highlight actions from this meeting.



Delegates with the Deputy Mayor of Hannover at the Special Committee meeting in Hannover City Hall, January 2012

Mayors for Peace discuss future structure and finance

The NFLA Secretary, on behalf of the Lord Mayor of Manchester, attended a special Mayors for Peace Committee Meeting to consider its future structure and development.

The meeting was held in Hannover City Hall and it included representatives from 10 Executive Cities and

Secretariat officers.

In just 8 years Mayors for Peace membership has increased ten-fold, to over 5,100 members. The meeting discussed how to sustain this movement and make it more effective.

The meeting agreed a six-point plan to develop plans for its next Board Meeting, around the NPT

Preparatory Conference on nuclear weapons in UN offices in Vienna, in early May.

Financing options, regionalisation of the Mayors for Peace and the interaction between the International Secretariat and local members were all dealt with in a very useful and valuable meeting.



Shetland Islands Convenor Sandy Cluness opens the Hiroshima Nagasaki exhibition in Lerwick Town Hall, Shetland, January 2012



Hiroshima-Nagasaki exhibition in Lerwick Town Hall, Shetland Islands

NFLA media releases
January 2012:
(On NFLA website.)

- NFLA raises nuclear concerns to the OSPAR RSC meeting
- NFLA raises concerns over marine discharges and the ONR 'stress tests' reports

NFLA supports UK Parliamentary nuclear meeting – "A corruption of governance"

On 31st January from 12pm – 2pm, in the House of Commons Committee Room 16, the Association for the Conservation of Energy will present its report on the UK new nuclear build process and whether Parliament has been given the complete story. NFLA members are strongly encouraged to attend.

NFLA discuss health and localism with UK Energy Minister

The NFLA Secretary attended the January meeting of the DECC NGO dialogue meeting considering UK nuclear policy matters.

Now co-chaired with former CoRWM member Andrew Blowers, the meeting allows a Forum for NGOs to challenge UK Ministers, DECC

nuclear officials, NDA and other nuclear agency officials.

The meeting focused on discussion of the effects of low level radiation on health. It also discussed how the Government's localism agenda will affect future planning discussions for new nuclear power stations

proposed in England and Wales.

The meeting allowed for a robust debate with UK Energy Minister Charles Hendry. The new format was welcomed. The next meeting will focus on the UK nuclear emergency planning review.

NFLA Scotland considers Trident, Dounreay & Dalgety Bay

The NFLA Scotland Forum holds its AGM and a seminar in Paisley on the 10th February.

The AGM will elect a new Convenor to the Forum. A business meeting will consider reports of the Forum's Policy Advisor and responses from the Scottish Government on fuel poverty and waste

issues. A meeting with Scottish Government officials is also planned to take place in February.

A special seminar will consider issues around Trident replacement and the Scottish context. It will also provide an update on NFLA involvement in

issues around the transportation of materials like weapons-usable plutonium by rail from Dounreay to Sellafield, concerns over increased large & 'hot' radioactive particles at Dalgety Bay in Fife and the MOD's submarine dismantling process, affecting Rosyth. The flyer is on the website.

NFLA English Forum considers EP, health and waste issues

The NFLA English Forum is holding its next seminar in Leeds Civic Hall on the 24th February.

The meeting will look at a number of nuclear

issues of concern in England.

Dr Ian Fairlie will outline a new French report on childhood cancers and proximity to nuclear power stations and its

parallels for England. Nuclear emergency planning and waste issues will also be considered in detail. The flyer is on the NFLA website.



Delegates at special Mayors for Peace meeting in Hannover City Hall



Hiroshima plaque in Hannover City Hall, Germany

NFLA letters to the media, January 2012 (directly emailed to members):

- NFLA concerned about security of Dounreay rail radioactive materials transport

NFLA plans future nuclear power debates

The NFLA Secretariat is working with a number of groups to hold two major events around the potential development of new nuclear power and its alternatives.

A major public meeting is being planned for April 26th and a public conference on June 30th. Further details will follow shortly.

NFLA Welsh Forum to hold cross-party Assembly seminar

The NFLA Welsh Forum will be holding its next seminar in Cardiff on March 2nd.

The seminar will seek to bring together a cross-party panel of Welsh Assembly members to talk about the future of Welsh energy policy.

The Assembly is

currently holding a series of meetings as part of its inquiry on what should be the energy mix in Wales and how it needs to take greater control of this policy.

The seminar will also include presentations on the role renewables could take in this mix

and the NFLA's detailed submission to the Welsh Assembly inquiry.

The flyer for the meeting has been placed on the NFLA website and it is being advertised to all Welsh Councils and interested groups.

Other NFLA news in brief

January 27th NFLA Steering Committee

– The SC met in January and endorsed all policy responses and proposed submissions. A report on the meeting will be placed on the NFLA website shortly.

NFLA All Ireland Forum meeting - The NFLA Secretariat is

discussing with Irish representatives over the location and content of its next meeting, which will be on the 23rd March. Further details will be published in the February newsletter.

MOD hosts nuclear submarine workshops

– NFLA reps are attending two national

workshops considering how the MOD should dismantle up to 27 nuclear submarines. These are being held in Birmingham on the 31st January and Glasgow on the 6th February. A NFLA briefing and model response will be published shortly after and sent to all NFLA members.

Forthcoming NFLA meetings (see the NFLA website)

NFLA Scotland Forum, 10th February, Renfrewshire House, Paisley.

NFLA English Forum, 24th February, Civic Hall, Leeds.

NFLA Welsh Forum, 2nd March, County Hall, Cardiff.

NFLA All Ireland Forum, 23rd March (location tbc).

NFLA Steering Committee, 30th March, Town Hall, Manchester.