Mayors for Peace to hold its 2010 board meeting in Manchester

The celebration of the NFLA’s 30th anniversary will be greatly enhanced with the decision to hold the Mayors for Peace ‘2020 Vision’ Board Meeting in Manchester on Nov 5th.

The Mayors for Peace board will join the Mayor of Nagasaki, Chair of NFLA Japan, in attending events as part of Manchester’s ‘nuclear free city’ declaration which helped set up the NFLA in the UK.

Board members include the cities of Nagasaki, Ypres, Granollers, Malakoff, Hanover, Florence and Glasgow. They will discuss how the Mayors for Peace continue to develop its work after the recent Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Conference. The Mayor of Hiroshima will also take part via a video-link.

The NFLA’s 30th anniversary will include a special civic reception and the launching of the Manchester City Centre Peace Trail, with NFLA SC and Mayors for Peace meetings.

NFLA study shows Scotland does not need nuclear

The NFLA have issued a Policy Briefing providing definitive research that Scotland can achieve its energy requirements through its actual and planned projects – wind, tidal and wave - will produce 179% of the energy Scotland actually needs by 2020.

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It is planned to carry out similar studies in Wales, England, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

You can access the report at the NFLA website: http://www.nuclearpolicy.info
Glasgow to join Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Board

Glasgow City Council will host the next UK Mayors for Peace Working Group meeting and sign a declaration to join the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Board on the 9th September (date tbc).

Glasgow City Council has been the Secretariat for NFLA Scotland for many years and has wide cross-party support for NFLA and Mayors for Peace.

On the 10th September Glasgow will also host a business meeting of NFLA Scotland. With Parliamentary elections in Scotland in 2011 the meeting will focus on what implications the elections may have on energy and waste policy.

It will also consider ways in which the NFLA can further interact with MSPs and MPs in Scotland and increase its member base across the country.

Nuclear emergency planning seminar in Manchester

The NFLA English Forum is holding an important seminar raising awareness of various aspects of nuclear emergency planning.

Consideration will be given to the planning around a nuclear terrorist incident (CBRN) and around an accident involving a nuclear materials convoy.

Emergency planning officers in South Yorkshire will be talking about recent nuclear emergency planning exercises.

The seminar is being held after the NFLA Steering Committee on the 17th September so councillors from other parts of the UK and Ireland can attend.

Flyers are being sent out and will be on the NFLA website shortly.

NFLA Wales to hold mock nuclear justification inquiry

Discussions are taking place with Ceredigion County Council to hold a seminar considering the main issues – for and against – in ‘justifying’ new nuclear build in Wales.

The mock public inquiry is being organised by the NFLA with WANA, CND Cymru and Friends of the Earth Cymru.

Economics, health and safety and waste will be considered within the seminar.

The seminar is planned for October and a flyer and further details will follow very shortly.
OSPAR seminar in Ireland – radioactive discharges to rise?

The NFLA Secretariat has published a joint briefing with KIMO arguing that radioactive discharges into the Irish Sea are likely to increase over the next decade, in a potential breach of the OSPAR Treaty.

The joint KIMO / NFLA paper was submitted to the recent OSPAR Commission meeting and further work is being prepared prior to a Ministerial meeting in September.

A NFLA Ireland seminar is being organised in Fingal County Council (north Dublin) which will consider the main issues arising from the OSPAR September meeting. This is planned for October 22nd (date tbc) and will again be a joint NFLA / KIMO event on a subject of mutual concern.

A flyer is being sent out to all Irish Councils.

Nuclear submarine meetings – consultation due soon

The NFLA Chair and Secretary and NFLA representatives in Fife Council attended the MOD’s 10th Submarine Decommissioning Project meeting in Cardiff on the 27th July.

The meeting heard that the MOD will be shortly submitting a generic consultation of statutory agencies in the autumn and 2 national stakeholder workshops in October.

A full public consultation is planned for late 2011 with a final decision for Ministers expected in early 2012.

The NFLA and Fife Council have taken a keen interest in these discussions and have been involved throughout in the main meetings and sub-group meetings.

A NFLA policy briefing will be prepared when the consultation is opened and it will take a full part in the consultation.

Forthcoming meetings

**UK Mayors for Peace Working Group / NFLA Scotland Forum – Glasgow, 9th (tbc) and 10th September.**

**NFLA Steering C’tte – Manchester, 17th September.**

**NFLA England Forum seminar – Manchester, 17th September.**

**NFLA Wales Forum seminar – Aberystwyth, 8th October (date tbc).**

**NFLA All Ireland Forum seminar – Swords, Fingal, 22nd October (date tbc).**

**NFLA SC, Nagasaki civic visit, NFLA 30th anniversary event & Mayors for Peace meeting, 4/5 Nov.**