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### 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>



Mayor of Fingal Councillor Michael O'Donovan opening the NFLA All Ireland Forum meeting

## NFLA discusses new build & wind

The NFLA All Ireland Forum held an engaging seminar in Swords, Co. Fingal, considering two major energy issues.

A large part of the meeting was given over to discussion of the Radiological Protection Institute's report on the radiological risks to Ireland of a UK new nuclear programme.

The RPII's Dr Ciara McMahon explained the detail behind its report, which suggested there would be no serious health effects from a major accident at a UK nuclear site. It did note socio-economic factors around food monitoring could be an issue in a severe scenario.

Independent expert Dr

Ian Fairlie welcomed a lot of the report but suggested some of the health risks could be quite stark in the RPII's 'worst case' scenario.

The seminar also looked at Irish wind energy with Grattan Healy arguing Ireland could be a major wind energy exporter. All the presentations are on the NFLA website.

## NFLA seminar on radwaste, shale and contaminated scrap

The NFLA English Forum / NFLA Steering Committee held a rearranged seminar considering issues of major importance to it.

The NuLeAF Secretary Stewart Kemp outlined the potential ways forward for UK radioactive waste policy, following Cumbria's decision not to go ahead with locating a

site for a deep underground repository.

Tony Bosworth of Friends of the Earth also outlined the major issues local authorities will have to deal with as shale gas planning inquiries start to be received, as well as the environmental issues with shale gas and extraction.

The NFLA Secretary

concluded the seminar providing an overview of linked issues around contaminated scrap metal and nuclear material transportation.

The NFLA Steering Committee also discussed progress with all nuclear policy streams.

The seminar presentations will be placed on the NFLA website.

**NFLA media releases**  
**June 2013:**  
***(On NFLA website.)***

- GDA independent report raises issues
- NFLA concerns on MOD convoy exercise report
- NFLA submits views on future strategy for managing radwaste
- NFLA All Ireland Forum meeting on RPII report and wind energy
- NFLA publish reports on fuel poverty, energy efficiency and the Green Deal

**UPDATE ON NULEAF AND SCORRS**

The LGA group on radwaste and decommissioning, NuLeAF, will be visiting the Sellafield facility on July 10<sup>th</sup> to see its strategies for the management of highly active waste on the site. A NuLeAF business meeting will also be held in Whitehaven on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

COSLA's similar group, SCCORS, is beginning to develop again after its Secretariat moved from Dundee to N Ayrshire Council recently. A new Chair & Secretary have been appointed and dates for meetings will be notified shortly.

## Nuclear emergency planning – NFLA raises concerns

The NFLA has raised concerns in a number of areas around nuclear emergency planning (EP), some of which have been covered by the national media.

One issue has been the publication by 'The Guardian' of a MOD exercise report using a nuclear weapon convoy

accident scenario. The exercise found delays in the MOD response and issues in dealing with the incident.

A report in the 'Daily Record' noted three MOD exercises involving nuclear powered sub – marines, where some serious failings were highlighted.

A third issue has been around the provision of potassium iodate tablets for 'extended' evacuations around UK civil nuclear sites.

NFLA and other NGOs are meeting with DECC shortly to discuss nuclear EP. A special September NFLA seminar is also being planned.

## NFLA responds to UK Government on repository next steps

The NFLA Secretariat has submitted a comprehensive response to the UK Government, who are seeking 'lessons learned' from the stalled process to find a repository for storing high and intermediate level waste.

The key conclusions of the NFLA submission are that the definition of host

'community' needs to be better defined. It also suggests 'potentially affected' communities also needs to be better defined.

Community consent and benefits packages need better explanation and transparency.

The NFLA suggests

positive parts of the stalled process should be retained.

'Deep disposal' requires a major review with 'retrievability' a key part of such a review. A full geological screening of the UK would assist greatly. Its full response can be found on the NFLA website.

## 'Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe' Network rapidly growing

The Vienna City Council co-coordinated network 'Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe' has significantly grown since it met with NFLA reps in May. Members are now found in 9 countries.

New Network members now include Dortmund, Stuttgart, Nuremburg, Dusseldorf, Zagreb and Sarajevo.

The Network seeks to promote a medium-

term phase out of nuclear power in favour of renewable energy.

NFLA is the UK & Ireland partner for the Network and welcomes this rapid growth.

### **NFLA letters to the media, June 2013:**

- There is real need for a public debate on Trident
- Radwaste and the public purse
- Torness agencies need to sort out who stocks potassium iodine tablets
- MOD needs to sort out key emergency issues after convoy exercise



Ciara McMahon of the RPII speaking at the NFLA All Ireland Forum.



Ian Fairlie speaking at the NFLA All Ireland Forum seminar in Swords



Grattan Healy speaking at the NFLA All Ireland Forum seminar on prospects for wind energy in Ireland

## NFLA reps to attend Mayors for Peace Conference

A small delegation from the NFLA will be attending the Mayors for Peace Conference in August in Hiroshima.

The 4-yearly Executive meeting will determine the future structure and financial underpinning of Mayors for Peace.

The General Conference

will then consider how to take this structure forward to make Mayors for Peace more dynamic and effective at the UN level and in through each national chapter.

There will also be a session on how Mayors for Peace can interact with national state delegations and inter-

national NGOs. The Japanese Mayors for Peace chapter will also meet.

A peace concert and the Hiroshima annual peace ceremony will conclude the conference. For further details on the conference please go to the Mayors for Peace website.

## Other NFLA news – ILW storage & GDA independent report

### **NDA consultation on FED & ILW:**

The NFLA Secretariat has provided a model response for its members on two NDA consultations. The first considers the management of Fuel Element Debris (FED) from Magnox reactors. The second considers where intermediate level radioactive waste should be

stored in Magnox and EDF sites in England and Wales.

The NFLA briefing can be found on the NFLA website.

### **Independent review of GDA –**

The NFLA Secretariat has issued a media release giving its support to a report by the independent Large &

Associates. The report assesses the final review of the ONR's assessment of EDF's generic design assessment process. It raises concerns that many nuclear safety issues have not been dealt with but 'parked' for the licensing process. The media release is on the NFLA website.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**NFLA Steering Committee, 28<sup>th</sup> June, Manchester Town Hall.**

**NFLA English Forum / SC seminar, 28<sup>th</sup> June, Manchester Town Hall.**

**NFLA Scotland, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Western Isles, Stornoway Town Hall.**

**Special NFLA seminar on nuclear emergency planning, 20<sup>th</sup> September, Glasgow City Chambers.**

**NFLA Steering Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> October, Town Hall, Manchester.**

**Other NFLA Forum meetings are being held in October / November 2013.**