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**KEY WEBSITE LINKS:**  
<http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>  
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>  
<http://www.2020visioncampaign.org>  
<http://www.kimointernational.org>

## Remembering Chernobyl 25

Events were held across the world to remember the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.

The official NFLA event, in co-operation with the Chernobyl Children's Project and GM CND was a commemorative concert and candlelit vigil in St Ann's Church / Square in Manchester, opened by the Lord

Mayor of Manchester.

The Chernobyl disaster on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1986 led to the deaths of large numbers of emergency workers and a large radioactive cloud across northern Europe. Some farms in the British Isles are still under a number of restrictions 25 years on. Health issues persist.

## NFLA submits initial issues for Weightman safety review

The NFLA has submitted two papers to the UK nuclear safety review following the Fukushima nuclear incident.

The main submission outlined the key general issues and specific comments around engineering, marine pollution and emergency planning. A detailed report is now

being put together to respond to the interim review, whilst NFLA staff will be at a special stakeholder event on the review in July.

The NFLA also added a supplementary note following the decision of the 72 nation Convention on Nuclear Safety to postpone its recommendations until

the Fukushima incident was under full control.

The NFLA are concerned that the Weightman review is being overly hasty, given that the Fukushima incident is likely to not be fully dealt with until at least the end of 2011. Both submissions can be found on the NFLA website.



Candlelit vigil in Manchester highlights '25' on the Chernobyl 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**NFLA media releases**

**April 2011:**

*(On NFLA website.)*

- NFLA urges UK Government to withdraw its consultation on nuclear liabilities until Fukushima learning points are known.
- NFLA remembers 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster with concert and candlelit vigil.
- Council of Canadians meets with key European groups to deepen opposition over Bruce Power's radioactive waste shipments.
- NFLA raises 35 key issues in its response to the UK nuclear safety review.
- 12<sup>th</sup> April: Fukushima now a Level 7 incident – safety reviews has to be lengthened

**NFLA join forces for Westminster seminar on Fukushima**

The speaker line-up for an important joint seminar – 'Fukushima: Lessons Learned' has been announced.

The seminar has been organised by the Nuclear Consulting Group with active support from the NFLA and the No Need for Nuclear Group. It will be

held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June in Westminster Palace.

The meeting will be chaired by Sir Jonathan Porritt and Caroline Lucas MP. Speakers include engineering expert John Large, nuclear expert Tom Burke, energy finance commentator Steve Thomas and NCG

UK coordinator Paul Dorfman.

A cross-party panel of supporting MPs has been set up to campaign on nuclear concerns. A draft Sustainable Energy (non nuclear bill) is also to be presented.

A flyer for the seminar is on the NFLA website.

**NFLA urge withdrawal of nuclear liabilities consultation**

The NFLA have submitted a response to the UK Government's consultation on changes to the Paris-Brussels Convention on nuclear third party liability.

The consultation includes a welcome increase in the cap of £1bn to nuclear companies in the event of payments

following an incident at a nuclear facility.

Though welcoming the increase, the NFLA have asked for the consultation to be withdrawn until the learning points from the Fukushima plant can be ascertained. The NFLA make other substantive points on liability – the

BP Gulf of Mexico oil spill cost it £20bn and the Fukushima incident could cost as much as £80bn upwards.

The submission response has been sent to all NFLA members and has been placed on its website.



NFLA All Ireland Co-Chair Michael Carr opens the Hiroshima-Nagasaki exhibition in Newry.

**NFLA discuss shipments with Council of Canadians & KIMO**

The NFLA have held talks with the Council of Canadians and the President of KIMO to discuss common concerns over the shipment of radioactive

steam generators from Canada to Sweden, which will pass near to the Orkney Islands.

The meeting agreed to develop a common

approach in opposing these shipments, which surpass IAEA guidelines for the amount of radioactive materials on board. A press release is on the NFLA website.

**NFLA letters to the media,**  
**April 2011:**  
***(All emailed to NFLA members.)***

- UK nuclear review needs to be lengthened.
- Huhne and Hendry's possible change of mind would be welcomed
- What folly to pursue plutonium processing after Fukushima
- Monbiot should meet Chernobyl children and nuclear test vets



New Mayors for Peace  
President, Kasumi Matsui



Poster advertising the A-bomb  
exhibition at Newry Arts Centre

## Major concerns raised over submarine safety standards

The NFLA is alarmed to hear of major safety concerns to UK submarines following the inadvertent publication of an unredacted policy assessment by the Ministry of Defence.

Published in full by CND Scotland, the report reveals that the MOD

may be putting submariners lives at risk by continuing to use sub-standard nuclear reactors. There is a danger that a British submarine could go into a dive from which it could never recover and the current reactors may not be reliable enough to cope in such a scenario.

A similar scenario did occur in an incident with a Trident submarine in 1998, causing great problems for the submariners.

The full report is on CND Scotland's website. The NFLA plan to write to the MOD following up these concerns.

## Mayors for Peace news

Mr. Kasumi Matsui was elected as the new Mayor of Hiroshima on April 10<sup>th</sup> and assumes the role as the new President of the Mayors for Peace. Mayor Matsui has said he will follow on with the positive developments & peace culture of the Mayors for Peace led by his predecessor as Mayor

Tadatoshi Akiba.

The Mayors for Peace have re-launched their 2020 Vision website and published their annual report for 2010. The attractive new website ([www.2020visioncampaign.org](http://www.2020visioncampaign.org)) includes an article on the recent NFLA All Ireland Forum seminar in Newry.

The 1.02 million signatures on the 'Cities are not Targets' petition has now gone on permanent display at the UN in New York.

Mayors for Peace had their biggest monthly increase in members in March and now include 4,680 member towns and cities.

## Forthcoming NFLA meetings

**NFLA Welsh Forum,  
3<sup>rd</sup> June, Cardiff City  
Hall.**

**NCG / NFLA English  
Forum / No Need  
for Nuclear seminar,  
14<sup>th</sup> June, London,  
(Hse of Parliament).**

**NFLA Steering  
Committee, 24<sup>th</sup>  
June, Manchester  
Town Hall.**

**NFLA Scotland  
Forum, 1<sup>st</sup> July,  
Glasgow City  
Chambers.**

**NFLA All Ireland  
Forum, September,  
Wexford (date and  
location to be  
confirmed).**