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## NFLA / Mayors for Peace meet Foreign Office Minister

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A joint Mayors for Peace / NFLA delegation met with the Foreign Office Minister for Counter-proliferation affairs, Ivan Lewis, and officials to discuss the UK Government's policy for the upcoming Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty Review Conference in May.

The meeting allowed

opportunity to discuss the Mayors for Peace / NFLA's three main proposals for the NPT.

They are:

- to call for a Nuclear Weapons Convention
- to endorse the 20 points of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament
- to call for the use of

nuclear weapons to be illegal in international law.

The meeting was very constructive and useful and allowed for a good sharing of views. The Minister agreed that the UK's Ambassador to the Conference will meet an international Mayors for Peace delegation during the first week of May.

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Liverpool City Council have formally given their support and affiliated to the NFLA.

The decision follows an informative seminar held in Liverpool Town Hall on nuclear new build last year.

As one of England's largest cities, and in its '2009 Year of the Environment',

Liverpool has a healthy interest in nuclear issues.

Shipments of nuclear materials have now resumed across the Irish Sea going from west coast ports while concerns remain over discharges into the Irish Sea.

Liverpool is also in close proximity to a

number of existing and proposed nuclear power stations.

NFLA Chair, Bailie George Regan, said: "We are delighted to welcome Liverpool in to the NFLA. It is one of the UK's great cities and its support for our campaigns on nuclear energy and nuclear weapons can only help our organisation."

## NFLA Scotland seeks 'No Trident Replacement'



John Ainslie speaking at NFLA Scotland Meeting, Inverkeithing

NFLA Scotland held its spring seminar in Inverkeithing, Fife considering the issues around Scotland and the Trident nuclear weapons issue.

Councillors and officers from 18 Scottish Councils heard from John Ainslie of CND

Scotland about the prospects for nuclear disarmament and concerns over Trident replacement.

Revd Ian Galloway talked about the Scottish Parliament's report on 'Scotland without nuclear weapons' and the moral issues around Trident.

Sally Romilly from Greenpeace put forward its view that Trident may cost up to £97 billion, while Bill Kidd MSP talked about the wider political debate on nuclear weapons and proliferation.

Presentations will be on the NFLA website soon.



Mayor of Oxford opening NFLA England seminar

## NFLA England hears concerns over weapons convoys

The NFLA England Forum held its spring seminar in Oxford Town Hall considering issues relating to the transportation of nuclear weapons from Aldermaston to Faslane.

Keynote speaker Rebecca Johnson of the Acronym Institute provided an overview of

the nuclear proliferation debate and the UK's policies.

Peter Burt of NIS gave a local overview of the planned work at the Aldermaston site and its role with new nuclear weapons. Nigel Day and Margaret Downs of Nukewatch raised concerns over safety of

weapons convoys in England and Scotland.

NFLA Secretary Sean Morris concluded with a survey of English Councils which noted a patchy knowledge of, and training for, emergency incidents of such convoys. Further details on NFLA website.



NFLA England Chair, Councillor Pryke opening NFLA England Meeting in Oxford Town Hall

## NFLA Wales holds pre-election meeting on nuclear power

The NFLA Wales Forum held a special pre-election seminar with WANA.

Representatives from all 5 political parties in Wales were invited, encouraging a robust

debate on nuclear power and the country.

Other speakers included Hugh Richards of WANA on concerns over radioactive high burn-up fuel and Neil Crumpton from Friends

of the Earth on the energy review.

Crispin Aubrey and Carl Clowes raised local issues around Hinkley, Oldbury and Wylfa. The presentations will go on the NFLA website soon.



Jenny Randerson AM speaking at NFLA Wales Meeting



Speakers and NFLA Ireland Chairs at Newry seminar

### **NFLA press releases February/March 2010**

- 15<sup>th</sup> February - NFLA request inquiry into new build submissions
- 25<sup>th</sup> February - Scotland Trident Seminar
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 - Mayors For Peace & NFLA visit to Foreign Office
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Oxford Convoys Seminar
- 9<sup>th</sup> March - Cardiff NFLA WANA Seminar
- 10<sup>th</sup> March - NFLA voice concerns over nuclear reactor design
- 15<sup>th</sup> March - NFLA Ireland Seminar

***All being placed on the NFLA Website.***

## **NFLA Ireland considers radiation on its coast line**

The NFLA All-Ireland Forum held a well attended seminar in Newry Council Offices on issues around radiation safety, renewable energy and Mayors for Peace.

Keynote speakers were independent radiation specialist Ian Fairlie and

Pawel Guca of Geosciences, co-author of the Northern Ireland Radiation Monitoring reports.

They provided councillors with an overview of discharges around the Irish coastline and concerns over health and safety.

Larry Staudt provided a useful and inspiring presentation on the possibility that Ireland – north and south – could become leaders in renewable energy and remain nuclear free.

NFLA Secretary Sean Morris also encouraged Councils to join Mayors for Peace.

## **NFLA responds to Government new build consultations**

NFLA have submitted detailed responses to the UK Government's consultations on draft Energy National Policy Statements and its draft decision on 'Justifying' the design of new nuclear power stations.

The responses have been well received and

can be found on the NFLA website. The submissions argue the Nuclear NPS is not 'fit for purpose' in resolving issues around waste, safety, costs and the environment.

The NFLA have also called for the justification decision on

new build to be delayed till after the COMARE health committee has concluded its study on the German KIKK study – it suggests higher child cancer rates around nuclear sites.

NFLA have also given submissions to Select Committees – these are on the NFLA website.

## **NFLA Policy Briefing on Scottish radioactive waste policy**

As usual, the NFLA has produced a number of important policy briefings in February and March.

In particular has been an analysis of the

Scottish Government draft policy on radioactive waste.

The policy suggests 'near site, near storage' rather than deep geological storage.

All NFLA Scotland members have had 2 NFLA briefings and a suggested response. The NFLA will send its response to the Government before the 9<sup>th</sup> April deadline.



Manchester Peace Gardens, part of the Manchester Peace Trail.

**Letters to the press in February / March:**

**All being placed on the NFLA website.**

- Nuclear waste needs answers not new build
- Energy efficiency and Scotland
- Neutrality of nuclear build inquiries
- What happens if we can't find a big hole for waste?
- How can we go for new nuclear with its poor safety record?
- Radiation risks – what about the children affected by Chernobyl
- Councils should think local and Act global



NFLA Secretary, NFLA Chair and NFLA Scotland Convenor at the Foreign Office

**Mayor of Nagasaki visiting Manchester on 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

The Mayor of Nagasaki, Tomihisa Taue, is planning to visit Manchester and be guest of honour at the NFLA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November.

The Mayor, who is Vice President of Mayors for Peace, plans to come to Manchester with the

Chair of Nagasaki City Council, who is an H-bomb survivor.

A major photographic exhibition of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings is also being planned with discussions to hold it in the People's History Museum in Manchester, followed by a national

tour to NFLA members.

The Mayor will also open the Manchester City Centre Peace Trail and speak at the NFLA Annual Policy Briefing.

Further registration details on the anniversary events will follow shortly.

**Other NFLA news in brief**

**KIMO and OSPAR –** NFLA are assisting KIMO in producing a robust report for the Radioactive Substances Committee of the inter-governmental OSPAR Commission about radiation discharges to the sea.

**NDA Dialogue –** NFLA councillors and officers attended the

NDA's national stakeholder dialogue in Manchester and interacted in all group sessions.

**SCCORS dialogue –** NFLA councillors and officers took part in a SCCORS workshop with Councils and the Scottish government on its radioactive waste policy.

**NFLA mentioned in Irish Parliament –**

Former NFLA Ireland Chair and now Senator Mark Dearey highlighted the NFLA press release on concerns over EDF's nuclear reactor design in the Irish Senate. His speech can be found at the Irish Parliament's website.

**Forthcoming NFLA meetings**

**NFLA Scotland Meeting**  
Livingston, West Lothian, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**NFLA Wales Meeting**  
Caernarfon, Gwynedd, 28<sup>th</sup> May (date and location tbc)

**NFLA England Meeting**  
Manchester, 11<sup>th</sup> June (date tbc)

**NFLA Steering Committee**  
Manchester Town Hall, 25<sup>th</sup> June

**NFLA 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations, AGM and Policy Briefing, Manchester, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November**