



## **Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) Ireland Seminar**

### **Future Irish energy policy and the ongoing impact of UK new nuclear on Ireland**

**Date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Location: Meeting Room, Fingal County Hall, Swords, Ireland**

The NFLA All Ireland Forum Spring 2016 Seminar focuses on the impact of the recent elections in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland and what each government plans will be for developing energy policy across the island of Ireland. One of the last actions of the previous government in the Republic of Ireland was to publish a White Paper on the future development of energy policy across the island. This focused on community involvement and engagement and the greater development of a wider renewable energy mix. In Northern Ireland, the impact of UK Government cuts on subsidies to renewable energy has been severe and puts into question how onshore wind and solar energy in particular can grow in such circumstances.

The first half of the seminar will provide delegates with NFLA's analysis of Irish energy policy and its views on the role of local authorities in that development. It will also provide opportunity for the Strategic Energy Authority of Ireland to consider its pivotal role in putting Ireland's energy vision forward.

The seminar will also consider the UK nuclear debate and its impact on Ireland. With the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fukushima and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chernobyl having just passed, the seminar will focus on the real problems occurring to finance the funding of the Hinkley Point reactors in Somerset, and the possibility of new nuclear reactors at Wylfa in Anglesey and Sellafield Moorside in Cumbria still being built. What are the potential impacts on these developments and what message should the new Irish governments, north and south, be bringing to bear on this debate? And what have been the international implications of the Fukushima and Chernobyl accidents on Europe? The generosity of Irish people to those directly affected by both accidents is well known, and the work of Chernobyl Children's Project Ireland will be profiled in the seminar.

The seminar is free to attend and open to councillors, council officers and members of environmental and nuclear policy NGOs. If you would like to attend, please fill in the attached registration form.

### **FINAL PROGRAMME**

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| 10.30am | Registration, tea and coffee.  |
| 11.00am | Opening welcomes by Councillor Ted Leddy, Fingal Council and Councillor Mark Dearey, Louth County Council and Co-Chair of the NFLA All Ireland Forum.  |
| 11.05am | Irish energy future energy policy: the way forward – speaker from the Strategic Energy Authority of Ireland (invited)                                  |
| 11.35am | NFLA's analysis of the Irish Energy White Paper and its views on the way forward for decentralised energy – Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary (confirmed)    |
| 12.00pm | New nuclear build developments in the UK and their impact on the island of Ireland – Pete Roche, NFLA Policy Advisor (confirmed)                       |
| 12.25pm | Chernobyl 30 Years On and the work of the Chernobyl Children's Project Ireland – Adi Roche, Co-ordinator of Chernobyl Children International (invited) |
| 12.50pm | Panel discussion.  |
| 1.15pm. | Seminar concludes.   |



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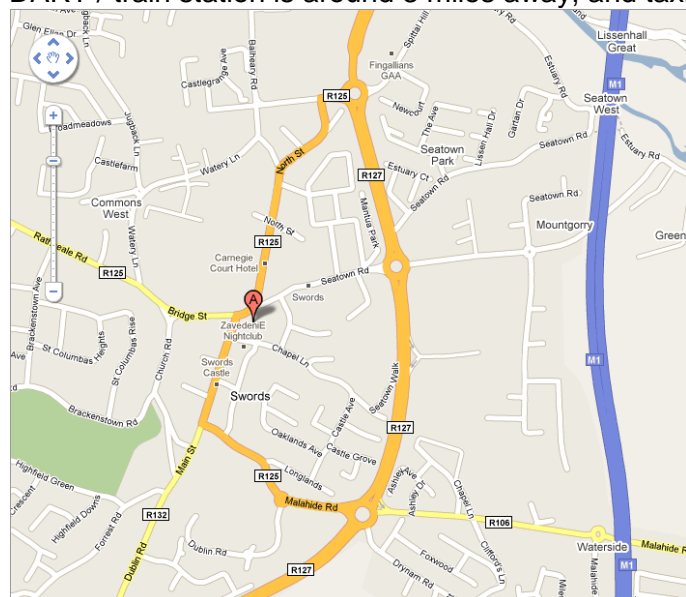
The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers and local interested community and environmental groups across the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and post, email or fax to the address at the bottom of this form:

Name	Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

### Venue and local hotel details:

Fingal County Hall is in the town of Swords which is 2 miles from Dublin International Airport. Taxis and buses go from the airport to Swords town centre. If coming by car, Swords is close to the main Dublin – Belfast M1 motorway and is clearly signposted, the junction before (or after, depending on direction) the airport. Malahide DART / train station is around 3 miles away, and taxis / buses are available to Swords from it.



**Venue:** Fingal County Hall (North County Dublin), Main Street, Swords, Co. Fingal

#### Hotels around the Venue:

- Carnegie Court Hotel, North Street, Swords from €66
- Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport from €67
- Bewleys Hotel, Dublin Airport from €59
- Travelodge Dublin Airport from €39
- Hilton Dublin Airport from €67
- Premier Inn Dublin Airport from €59

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