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### Websites / partner links:

**NFLA:** <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>

**CNFE:** <http://www.cnfe.eu>

**MFP:** <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>

**KIMO:** <http://www.kimointernational.org>

**ICAN:** <http://www.icanw.org>

**ICAN UK:** <http://www.ican-uk.org>



Members of Bike for Peace with the Lord Mayor of Manchester as they commence their bike ride to Warrington and Liverpool

## UK taxpayer to fund Wylfa B?

The NFLA has called for greater transparency in talks between Hitachi and the UK Government which may lead to some kind of state funding for the Wylfa B development.

According to media reports, the Chief Executive of Hitachi met with the Prime Minister and the Chancellor to

call for formal state support from the UK and Japanese Governments for the funding of the £20 billion nuclear plant.

MPs like Caroline Lucas have called for these talks to be published.

A recent Hitachi meeting suggests the company will move forward with the proposed deal with

the government.

A detailed Greenpeace briefing, endorsed by NFLA, outlines the real risks to the taxpayer if the deal goes ahead. In April, NFLA & Welsh groups opposed Wylfa B. Members of 'People Against Wylfa B' are in Japan on a joint series of events led by Friends of the Earth Japan.

## NFLA report outlines best practice in decentralised energy

The NFLA published in May a detailed report looking at the state of decentralised energy in the UK & Ireland, as new challenges from climate change are highlighted.

The NFLA report notes that, despite major cuts to renewable subsidies, many local Councils are moving forward with dynamic energy, district

heating and renewable transport projects.

The report is set in the context of the huge challenge that all states have to comply with in meeting new climate change targets. NFLA commend the work of cities and groups like 'UK100' in advocating low carbon strategies and seeking to be 'zero carbon' cities by 2050.

The report then provides fifty 'best practice' examples of how Councils are funding renewable energy projects, smart energy schemes, energy efficiency, district heating and renewable transport. The range of examples shows many Councils are still moving forward. The report is on the NFLA website and we encourage it to be shared widely.

**NFLA media releases**

**May 2018:**

*(On NFLA website.)*

- NFLA question the public liability with the potential UK Government – Hitachi Wylfa B deal
- NFLA publishes report on how Councils are still rapidly developing renewable energy
- NFLA queries Trident spending when defence budget is so confused
- Bike for Peace rides through the North West
- NFLA calls on greater transparency in talks on funding Wylfa B

**NFLA English Forum plans its June meeting in Oxford**

The NFLA English Forum is holding an informative seminar in Oxford Town Hall next month.

The seminar will look at nuclear transports, wider concerns over Aldermaston and decentralised energy.

The seminar is the first after the English local

government elections and focuses on an issue that remains a concern to many of our members – how safe are the regular transports of nuclear materials by road, rail, sea and even air? Speakers from Nuke-watch and the Nuclear Trains Action Group have been invited to

speak.

NIS will also speak about safety, environmental and transparency risks of the AWE Aldermaston site.

The NFLA report on decentralised energy will be profiled along with local work on such matters in Oxford City Council.

**NFLA SC meeting in Edinburgh to look at key nuclear issues**

The NFLA’s June Steering Committee meeting will be hosted by Edinburgh City Council as part of the agreed policy to move it around the four NFLA National Forums.

A short NFLA Scotland Forum will take place before it, and then the wider UK & Ireland Steering Committee will

discuss all the key areas of NFLA activity.

A joint afternoon seminar is also being organised. This will look at recent concerns over cracks to graphite bricks around the Hunterston B reactor and the implications of this for the aging nuclear reactors in Scotland & England.

The NFLA report on decentralised energy will again be profiled to allow Scottish, Welsh and Irish members to also hear about it.

The seminar will also focus on the nuclear weapons issue following the NPT, with a major series of events planned in September.



The Bike for Peace delegation meet the Lord Mayor of Liverpool

**Bike for Peace holds tour of Manchester – Warrington - Liverpool**

The Norwegian ‘Bike for Peace’ group held a tour of the north west of England in May, learning of the recent work of Mayors for Peace and the importance of peace education.

The group have visited in 2014 and 2015 as part of a world tour and a Scottish tour.

The short May tour took in civic receptions with the Lord Mayors of

Manchester and Liverpool. The delegation, including Norwegian councillors, also visited the Warrington Peace Centre. The tour is included in a Mayors for Peace Briefing report.



The Bike for Peace delegation meet Nick Taylor at the Warrington Peace Centre

**Letters to the media,****May 2018:**  
*(emailed to members)*

- Ireland should be concerned about Hinkley Point C
- Hunterston cracks are a very serious issue to resolve
- Hitachi talks with UK Government show fragility of new build

**What consequences may occur in Trump's decision to leave Iran nuclear deal?**

The decision by President Trump to unilaterally pull the United States out of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on Iran's nuclear programme has been widely criticised around the world.

NFLA welcomes the ongoing support for the deal with EU states, Russia & China. Though it is not a perfect scheme, it has ensured Iran has not developed further its nuclear weapons programme, and it is fully complying with IAEA inspections.

It remains to be seen what will happen next. It also is markedly different from the positive signs of potential denuclearization in the Korean Peninsula, with a Korean – US summit possibly taking place on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Singapore. NFLA will monitor both issues and work closely with Mayors for Peace & ICAN on them.

**Manchester facilitates discussion with Belarusian delegation**

Over the past three decades NFLA has worked closely with the group Chernobyl Children's Project (CCP).

CCP brings over each summer children who have had cancer or an immune system illness for 4-week recuperative holidays with host volunteer families.

A core part of CCP's work is to support in Belarus projects to improve medical facilities and homes for disabled children and young adults.

In recent years this has also included training Belarusian public care staff on best practice in the care of vulnerable

children and adults. In May, CCP hosted a week for a senior politician and officers from the Gomel region of practical best practice for childcare. It included a visit to meet the Lord Mayor of Manchester and senior officers to hear how health & social care was being brought together.

**Irish Parliament committee discusses Hinkley Point**

In May, NFLA assisted the IEN and welcomed expert speakers to outline concerns to TDs and Senators over transboundary impacts of Hinkley Point C on Ireland.

The Oireachtas Joint Housing, Planning and Local Government Committee met in May and heard from Prof

John Sweeney of the real risks to Ireland of an accident affecting a UK nuclear power site like Hinkley Point C.

Prof Steve Thomas then provided TDs and Senators with an overview of the technical and economic issues of concern with the EPR technology planned for use at Hinkley Point.

Attracta Uí Bhroin from the Irish Environment Network highlighted the need for greater openness and transparency on nuclear policy. NFLA welcome the meeting and call on the Oireachtas and the Irish Government to be more vocal in its concerns. The next Forum meeting will focus on these issues.

**Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members**

**NFLA English Forum, Oxford City Hall, 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**NFLA Steering Committee, Scotland Forum and SC seminar, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Edinburgh City Chambers**

**Local events for the 73<sup>rd</sup> Hiroshima and Nagasaki Peace Ceremonies, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

**NFLA Scotland / Mayors for Peace seminar, Clydebank, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**NFLA SC and joint seminar with Welsh Forum, Cardiff County Hall, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**NFLA All Ireland Forum, Dundalk Town Hall, October 12<sup>th</sup> (date tbc)**