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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>

**NFLA is now on Facebook and Twitter via links  
on its website.**



Attendees at the NFLA / Mayors for  
Peace / ICAN meeting in Clydebank  
Town Hall

## International Peace Day events held

A joint NFLA, Mayors for Peace and ICAN UK seminar took place in Clydebank Town Hall to celebrate International Peace Day and call on support for the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Events took place across the world as part of attempts to create a day without conflict.

The Clydebank seminar was opened by the Provost of West Dunbartonshire. It included a joint presentation by Tim Wallis and Nancy Olsen noting how a number of US cities and the state of California had passed resolutions to support the TPNW & encourage the US Government to engage with it. The NFLA/Chapter Secretary

also provided a model UK & Ireland resolution which will encourage its members to do likewise.

Flavia Tudoreanu from Peace Education Scotland also outlined its work with schools and young people.

Members also held a morning NFLA Scotland business meeting.

## NFLA host meeting on new nuclear concerns in Wales

The NFLA Welsh Forum held a joint seminar with the NFLA Steering Committee to profile the concerns around new nuclear developments at Hinkley Point and Wylfa, as well as 'small' nuclear reactors.

There has been a lot of interest and concern in Wales over the dumping of as much as 300,000 tonnes of mud from the

cleared Hinkley Point C site. A legal challenge is taking place, and NFLA & KIMO have issued media statements. Tim Deere-Jones talked of those concerns and other issues with the proposed reactor.

Rob Davies from PAWB talked about its recent visit to Fukushima and Tokyo and the many concerns it has over

Wylfa B. Dr David Lowry raised core issues of concern around the development of small modular reactors.

The NFLA Secretary profiled the alternatives to such developments to councillors. See the NFLA website for details.

A morning NFLA Steering Committee meeting was also held.

**NFLA media releases**  
**September 2018:**  
***(On NFLA website.)***

- NFLA concerned about defence nuclear safety problems at Aldermaston and Burghfield
- NFLA and KIMO call for re-evaluation of the dumping of mud from the Hinkley Point C to a site near Cardiff Bay
- NFLA welcomes 'just Transition' and calls for a similar model for defence diversification



The Provost of West Dunbartonshire Council formally opens the International Peace Day seminar



Flavia Tudoreanu of Peace Education Scotland speaking at the International Peace Day seminar in Clydebank

## NFLA All Ireland Forum to hold meeting in Dundalk

The NFLA All Ireland Forum will hold its autumn seminar in Dundalk Town Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting will begin with a focus on the climate change challenge to Ireland and concerns it is falling behind the targets it needs to meet, partic-

ularly in the area of low carbon energy. Phil Kearney of An Taisce will look at this issue.

Attracta Uí Bhroin will look at a recent meeting in the Oireachtas and a consultation led by Irish Councils looking at the trans-boundary impacts to

Ireland of a UK new nuclear programme.

The NFLA Secretary and Professor Andy Blowers will then consider the national and international impacts of the huge legacy of radioactive waste that needs to be managed around the world. A seminar flyer is on the website.

## NFLA English Forum focusing on decentralised energy

The NFLA English Forum holds its autumn seminar in Hull Guildhall on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, looking at decentralised energy and plans to look again for a site to host most of the UK's nuclear waste.

The seminar will hear from a representative of Robin Hood Energy talk of their work and in

creating 'white label' energy companies with other Councils.

It will also look at the potential for hydrogen gas networks in England - a matter of real interest.

Martin Budd from Hull City Council will outline the Council's strategy to

support renewables, including the largest offshore wind farm in the world.

The NFLA Secretary will look at the process for asking English & Welsh Councils to consider volunteering to host a huge nuclear waste repository. The flyer is on the NFLA website.

## Winter NFLA meetings in Kilmarnock and Newry

After its recent meeting in Clydebank, the final NFLA Scotland business meeting of 2018 will be held in East Ayrshire Council headquarters in Kilmarnock. A seminar will focus on the ongoing

closure of the Hunters-ton nuclear site due to cracks being found on the graphite bricks that surround the reactor.

The 38<sup>th</sup> NFLA Annual General Meeting and

Policy Seminar will take place in Newry, N Ireland. It will look at Brexit, UK and Irish energy policy.

Flyers for both events will be issued shortly.

**NFLA submit initial comments for Wylfa B planning inquiry**

NFLA have published on its website the core issues and concerns it has over the proposed development of a new nuclear site at Wylfa in Anglesey.

The Planning Inspectorate are commencing an inquiry into the Hitachi owned site in October.

NFLA have argued the development is not needed for economic, environmental, health and safety reasons. The full submission can be found on the NFLA website. NFLA will work with other groups about presenting such views at the planning inquiry.

**NFLA & MAYORS FOR PEACE MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO PASS MODEL TPNW RESOLUTION**

At the International Peace Day meeting in Clydebank a model resolution for UK and Irish Councils to consider passing supporting the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was raised. The model resolution was then approved by the NFLA Steering Committee held in Cardiff County Hall. It will be sent to all members and ICAN groups now for consideration, and placed on the NFLA website.

## NFLA welcomes 'Just Transition' Commission for low carbon

The NFLA has issued a media statement that supports and welcomes the creation of a 'Just Transition' Commission by the Scottish Government to promote fair and equitable ways to achieve low carbon energy transition.

The Scottish Government has asked Prof

Jim Skea to chair a commission that will look at ways the transition from fossil fuels to low carbon renewables can be achieved fairly, with training and support for those affected.

NFLA has long advocated such policies and hopes the Welsh, UK &

Irish Governments could consider such a model as well.

NFLA also urge similar moves to develop defence diversification from the defence to the civil sector, through a Defence Diversification Agency. The media release can be found on the NFLA website.

## NFLA concerned over safety at nuclear weapons sites

NFLA issued a media release over concerns with the safety of critical activities at the UK nuclear weapon plants. This comes after a Public Accounts Committee report said infrastructure for the defence nuclear sector was not 'fit for purpose'.

The report also noted that decisions by the

Ministry of Defence to delay maintenance at its 13 nuclear plants was creating a 'ticking time bomb' of safety issues.

The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) is seeking improvements in safety at the Burghfield weapons assembly facility. It has said if progress is not made then operations

may need to stop altogether.

The National Audit Office has also noted a likely shortfall in defence and Trident nuclear budgets.

NFLA is very concerned with these reports and calls on the Ministry of Defence to rectify safety at the sites as a matter of urgency.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**NFLA All Ireland Forum autumn seminar, Dundalk Town Hall, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**NFLA English Forum autumn seminar, Hull Guildhall, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**NFLA Scotland Forum winter meeting and seminar, East Ayrshire Council Offices, Kilmarnock, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**NFLA UK & Ireland 2018 AGM, Steering Committee and Annual Policy Seminar, Council Offices, Newry, December 7<sup>th</sup>**