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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.**

## NFLA raise Hunterston B concerns

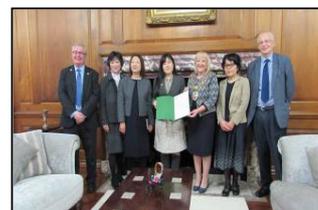
NFLA has raised its real concerns about the re-starting of the reactors at the Hunterston B site. This follows a detailed presentation by Dr Ian Fairlie in conjunction with John Large, who sadly died in early November.

The NFLA Scotland Forum meeting in East Ayrshire heard from Dr

Fairlie of alarming issues with as many as 350 keyway cracks found in the graphite bricks that surround Reactor 3 at the Hunterston B site.

Dr Fairlie gave his view that the reactor should not restart given this level of cracks.

As a result NFLA have written to the UK Chief



Hiroshima delegation meet with the Lord Mayor of Manchester and NFLA reps

Nuclear Inspector asking to meet about Dr Fairlie's concerns. A meeting at the Scottish Parliament is planned for January.

A short technical note is on the NFLA website and a NFLA media release generated quite a lot of interest. The briefing has also been sent to the UK and Scottish Governments for comment.

## Hiroshima Peace Legacy Ambassadors visit UK

The first visit outside Japan of Hiroshima Peace Legacy Ambassadors and Memoir Readers took place in early November with events in Manchester, Oldham and Coventry.

The visit was facilitated by the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation and the Mayors for Peace, in conjunction with the NFLA.

With the average of 'hibakusha' (or atomic bomb survivor) now at 82, the Ambassadors role is to provide their testimony to younger audiences. The Memoir Readers also read out poems and reflections of the hibakusha.

The UK visit included civic receptions with the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the Mayor of

Oldham, as well as talks to schools in Manchester, Coventry and to Oldham Youth Council.

The visit was seen as a great success and will be replicated in other countries in 2019. It was a good way to celebrate the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NFLA. A briefing can be found on the NFLA and MFP websites.

**NFLA media releases**

**November 2018:**  
*(On NFLA website.)*

- NFLA welcomes Manchester resolution to support the TPNW
- NFLA Scotland highly concerned about risks and issues with reopening Hunterston B
- As Moorside project collapses, NFLA advocates renewable alternatives
- On its 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary, NFLA welcomes Hiroshima Peace Ambassadors and looks forward to NFLA Scotland meeting
- NFLA comment on Public Accounts Committee report on Sellafield



Dr Ian Fairlie speaking at the NFLA Scotland meeting

## NFLA attend BEIS seminar on nuclear emergency planning

The NFLA Secretary was one of the BEIS NGO Forum representatives to attend a special meeting that informed of the planned changes to nuclear emergency planning.

The changes comes as part of the process of placing the Euratom Basic Safety Standards

into UK law.

At the seminar, BEIS confirmed that new legislation to change the REPPIR regulations would be going through Parliament in early 2019, giving Councils, health and emergency responders a year to then implement new offsite emergency plans

both around nuclear sites and up to 30ks away. The wider distance takes into account Fukushima learning points.

The seminar allowed for a useful interface and a clear indication of an increased duty for Councils. A NFLA briefing is being developed on it.

## NFLA prepare for 2018 AGM and meetings in Newry

The NFLA's final meeting of 2018 will be a combined Steering Committee, Annual General Meeting and Annual Policy Seminar.

This year it is hosted by the NFLA All Ireland Forum.

The NFLA Annual Policy Seminar will consider

three important policy areas.

Dr Paul Price of the Irish National Trust will consider the challenges and issues of climate change as they affect the island of Ireland and further afield. What is the role of Government in mitigating it?

Attracta Ui Bhroin of the Irish NGO An Claiomh Glas will look at why the Irish Government and Irish Councils should share concerns over UK new nuclear. And the NFLA Secretary will consider the issues on Brexit and NFLA policy.

A flyer and information is on the NFLA website.

## NFLA submits views to Wylfa planning inquiry

The NFLA has submitted its plans to the Planning Inspectorate on the main issues of concern around the proposed Wylfa B reactor site.

As part of the process to approve such a develop-

ment, a planning inquiry looks at the key local issues of concern.

At the same time, the Irish Government has instituted a consultation on the transboundary

impacts of Wylfa B to Ireland. A NFLA model response is being developed.

The NFLA submission can be found on its website.

### **NFLA letters to the media, November 2018:**

- Joint letter from members of the No Trident Replacement group to the Guardian and to the UK Foreign Minister
- Ireland's coal secret must be resolved by a concerted move towards renewables

### **NFLA publishes report on further progress on decentralised energy**

The NFLA has published a report developed by its Policy Advisor on his observations of the recent APSE Energy Conference held in Stirling.

This conference looked at ways Councils were still seeking to play a lead in the development of renewable and decentralised energy. Both Nottingham and Bristol were mentioned, but a whole host of other innovative case studies were also highlighted.

The Conference looked as well at the potential advantages of a publicly owned energy company to assist in promoting renewables and tackling fuel poverty. The report is on the NFLA website.

## Sellafield Moorside project collapse as Thorp works concludes

A Toshiba board meeting confirmed that it was closing the 'NuGen' project that had been planned to build 3 new nuclear reactors at Moorside, close to Sellafield. The decision comes after the Japanese company almost collapsed under the debt of its nuclear subsidiary – the US company Westinghouse. .

In a media release, the NFLA called on a pivot away from new nuclear towards renewables in UK energy policy.

The NDA also confirmed that the Sellafield Thorp plant would close after 25 years operation, The NGO CORE highlighted Thorp had never lived up

to its proposed potential and reprocessed less fuel than originally planned. There is also little of an international market now for reprocessing spent nuclear fuel.

The NFLA and the CORE media releases are on their websites.

## Manchester becomes first European Council to support TPNW

In a full Council meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, Manchester City Council passed a resolution giving its support for the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

The resolution also urged the UK Government to engage in this process of multilateral nuclear disarmament and advocated it moved away from replacing the Trident

nuclear weapon programme.

Manchester follows in the footsteps of similar resolutions passed by US cities like LA & Baltimore, Australian cities like Melbourne & Sydney, and the Canadian city of Toronto.

Manchester becomes the first European city to pass such a resolution as

part of ICAN's 'Cities Appeal'.

A number of other NFLA members are planning similar resolutions, and other European cities are also looking at doing the same.

A media release and a copy of the resolution can be found on the NFLA website.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

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

**NFLA Steering Committee, Manchester, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Other NFLA Forum meetings will be scheduled shortly**