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### **Websites / partner links:**

#### **NFLA:**

<http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>  
(Also links to Facebook and Twitter)

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>



Ross Greer MSP, NFLA Scotland's Pete Roche and Cllr Audrey Doig and Dr Ian Fairlie at the Scottish Parliament

## Wylfa B 'halted' is welcomed by NFLA

Following on from the late 2018 decision by Toshiba to wind up its Moorside new nuclear development, Hitachi has now called a 'halt' to further work at the Wylfa B site in Anglesey, Wales.

The Hitachi board decided that the financial risks to the company of continuing with work to

pursue developing new nuclear reactors on the Wylfa site were too high.

This is despite the UK Government offering to provide a substantial amount of financial support to Hitachi.

In a Parliamentary statement Energy Minister Greg Clark noted the Government were disap-

pointed with the decision, which they understand was made for commercial reasons.

Considerable focus has come on the loss of potential jobs to the area. In a NFLA media release, it highlights the priority now must to be develop local decentralised and renewable energy job alternatives.

## NFLA holds Hunterston B event in the Scottish Parliament

In early January the NFLA provided a briefing to MSPs in the Scottish Parliament on its concerns with the long-term safety of the Hunterston B reactors.

Hosted by Ross Greer MSP, the well-attended meeting also had MSPs from all the main political groupings in the Parliament.

Dr Ian Fairlie outlined concerns over the increasing level of keyway root cracks in Reactors 3 and 4 at Hunterston B. These are currently closed for maintenance and EDF is preparing a safety assessment for the regulator seeking to reopen the reactors.

The NFLA Scotland

Policy Advisor also spoke at the briefing on how jobs can be maintained on the site and a 'Just Transition' can be achieved for other jobs. The briefings are on the NFLA website.

The NFLA Secretary & Dr Fairlie have since met with the Deputy Chief Nuclear Safety Inspector to discuss these issues.

**NFLA media releases – January 2019:**  
*(On NFLA website.)*

- Mayors, councillors and MPs call on US & Russia to negotiate on INF Treaty
- NFLA seeks clarification on 'near miss' between nuclear submarine and passenger ferry in Irish Sea
- NFLA argues safe decommissioning and a renewable future is best way forward post Wylfa B
- NFLA publishes Irish trans-boundary Wylfa B model response
- NFLA prepares for key safety briefing to the Scottish Parliament

## Mayors for Peace / PNND launch the Basel Appeal

In mid-January a joint European meeting was held between the Mayors for Peace and the Parliamentarians for Non-proliferation and Nuclear Disarmament (PNND).

The meeting allowed for each group to talk about their Action Plans and it looked at disarm-

ament and divestment issues on the nuclear weapons issue in Europe.

The two groups agreed to a 'Basel Appeal' letter to go to the US and Russian Governments urging them not to abrogate from the INF nuclear weapons treaty - which has

helped to reduce nuclear weapons from Europe.

The Appeal has got support from a large number of Mayors, councillors, Parliamentarians and civil society groups. It has been sent to the UK, French & Chinese leaders and is on our website.

## UK & Welsh Government pursue deep-waste repository policy

The UK and Welsh Governments have published its response to consultations on their policy to seek a 'volunteer' Council / community to host a deep underground radioactive waste repository.

Both Governments have decided to continue to move forward with such

a development. As such Councils in England and Wales have been contacted to see if any of them would express an interest in hosting such a repository.

The Scottish Government holds a different policy of developing 'near site, near surface'

facilities around existing Scottish nuclear sites.

NFLA remains sceptical about a deep waste facility until or unless core technical, geological and scientific issues are resolved. NFLA will continue to monitor and interact with this issue.

## NFLA Secretary provides report on EP to BEIS NGO Forum

The NFLA Secretary provided a report for the late January BEIS NGO Nuclear Policy Forum on the UK Government's plans to make significant changes to nuclear emergency planning for

offsite emergencies.

Following a Euratom ruling, changes to UK nuclear emergency legislation is taking place to improve definitions and deal with a wider area

type emergency.

The report outlined observations and real concerns. It will be expanded into a NFLA Policy Briefing and published shortly.



Attendees at the joint Mayors for Peace / PNND meeting in Basel discuss nuclear disarmament and divestment issues

## ICAN Scotland & UK meetings / Bike for Peace world tour

### **Letters to the media, January 2019: (emailed to members)**

- NFLA support joint letter to US and Russian Governments
- Government should look at the other 'white elephants' in energy policy

### **NFLA submits views to the House of Lords on nuclear weapons policy**

The NFLA has submitted its views to the House of Lords International Relations Select Committee inquiry into nuclear weapons policy and the NPT.

The inquiry comes at a time when nuclear weapon treaties are under stress, putting wider pressure on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). There is also the separate development of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which NFLA strongly supports.

The NFLA response calls for greater effort to promote a multi-lateralist approach to nuclear disarmament.

The response is on the NFLA website.

The NFLA Secretary attended meetings of the ICAN Scotland and the ICAN UK Steering Groups to discuss strategy and the way forward in 2019.

Both meetings considered work being undertaken by 'Don't Bank on the Bomb'

Scotland in encouraging Council and university pension funds to divest from nuclear weapons.

There were also discussions on putting responses into the House of Lords & House of Commons Select Committee inquiries into nuclear weapon policy

and the INF Treaty.

Cooperation in supporting the ICAN Cities Appeal with NFLA members was also discussed.

NFLA are also supporting the Norwegian Bike for Peace group launch their 4<sup>th</sup> world tour with a special event in London next month.

## NFLA gives its alternative vision to SEPA's nuclear plan

NFLA has submitted its views to SEPA on its Scottish Nuclear Sector Plan, advocating safe decommissioning and the ongoing moves to promote a renewable Scotland.

The plan is part of SEPA's vision to ensure the nuclear industry is compliant with its environmental obligat-

ions to ensure impacts are minimised.

In its model response for member authorities, NFLA argue that the SEPA plan should be much more ambitious than it is.

NFLA argue SEPA should recognise that nuclear power has no real place in a

sustainable economy, and that the 'nuclear waste hierarchy' needs to be re-thought to maximise protection to the public.

In its response NFLA Scotland has published its vision for a nuclear free Scotland with safe waste management. It can be found on the NFLA website.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**NFLA Steering Committee and NFLA English Forum / SC joint seminar with Mayors for Peace and ICAN, Manchester Central Library, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**NFLA Scotland Forum business meeting and AGM, Glasgow City Chambers, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**The NFLA All Ireland Forum and NFLA Welsh Forum meetings are being planned for March and early April – dates and locations tbc**