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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>

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Panel discussion at the NFLA joint public meeting in Colchester

NFLA launches Irish sustainable energy forum

The new NFLA All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum held its first meeting in October in Dublin City Hall.

The Forum retains a sharp interest in nuclear matters as they affect Ireland, but is focusing more of its effort on the ways to develop decent-rated and sustainable energy across the island

of Ireland.

At the meeting in Dublin, the NFLA Secretary Sean Morris outlined the plans for the Forum, as well as profiling its recent report on a 'no deal' Brexit on energy policy.

Pete Roche provided an informative look at the benefits of local energy and some best practice

in Ireland & Britain.

Seamus Hoyne of the Tipperary Energy Agency provided an excellent case study of the positive role Irish Councils can play, and Cormac Walsh noted the role of Energy Cooperatives Ireland in supporting that. See the NFLA website for the four presentations.

NFLA hold joint meeting with anti-new nuclear build groups

The NFLA English Forum held a packed public meeting in cooperation with the groups campaigning against the development of new nuclear reactors at Sizewell, Bradwell and Hinkley Point.

The meeting in Colchester was opened by the NFLA Chair and

the Leader of Colchester Borough Council.

Speaking on siting, finance, waste and wider climate change concerns of each site were Katy Attwater of Stop Hinkley, Pete Wilkinson of Together Against Sizewell C and Andy Blowers of Blackwater Against New Nuclear Group.

Professor Steve Thomas of Greenwich University provided an overview of the myriad of problems facing EDF, while the NFLA Secretary outlined the local and sustainable renewable energy alternatives to new nuclear in dealing with the climate emergency.

The presentations are on the NFLA website.

NFLA media releases, October 2019:
(On NFLA website)

- NFLA welcomes Norwich supporting the TPNW
- NFLA welcomes joint seminar on new nuclear build in England
- NFLA All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum held in Dublin
- NFLA SE Forum calls on Irish Government to move from importing fracked gas towards renewables
- NFLA publishes its no deal Brexit briefing



Cormac Walsh and Seamus Hoyne provide best practice examples to the NFLA Irish Sustainable Energy Forum meeting in Dublin City Hall

NFLA Secretary meets CNFE & Alliance of Regions networks

The NFLA Secretary met with his counterparts in the Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe and the Alliance of Regions for Phasing-out Nuclear Power in Europe.

The officers were in Vienna to attend a conference organised by climate change and anti-nuclear groups as

an alternative to a huge IAEA Conference across the road.

This conference looked at the state of play with big and small nuclear, the threats from climate change and the renewable alternatives with some of the leading speakers in these fields from

around the world.

The three LA networks bring local and regional groups together and have recently called on the European Investment Bank to stop supporting new nuclear.

They have agreed to continue to cooperate on like-minded plans.

NFLA Scotland to look at Hunterston, energy & divestment

The NFLA Scotland Forum is planning to hold its final business meeting and seminar of 2019 in Motherwell Civic Centre in mid-November.

The announcement of a UK general election means we are checking councillors can attend it.

Assuming it can go

ahead, a seminar is planned to look at the state of Hunterston B, the benefits of a Scottish Energy Company, and progress with nuclear divestment.

Dr Ian Fairlie will make his latest assessment on Hunterston after further detail has come to light on the aging of the

reactors.

Dr Keith Baker will profile his report on Scottish energy policy and Linda Pearson will outline the work of the 'Don't Bank on the Bomb' network on divestment.

The flyer is on the NFLA website.

Manchester reps to attend Mayors for Peace Exec Conference

The NFLA Secretary and a former Lord Mayor of Manchester, Cllr Eddy Newman, will be attending the upcoming Executive Conference of Mayors for Peace, which is being held in Hanover.

The Exec Conference is the main decision-making body of Mayors for Peace and will consider its Action Plan for 2019 – 23, as well as its plans in 2020, the 75th anniversary of the

atomic bomb.

The meeting will also consider very positive moves to develop a European structure. A full report will be provided next month.

**UK GENERAL
ELECTION CALLED
FOR DECEMBER 12**

The UK will go to the polls on December 12th. NFLA hopes climate change is a core issue in that election. As a result the NFLA AGM has had to be moved, and it will now be held on January 31st in Manchester.

**Norwich becomes
5th UK Council to
pass TPNW
resolution**

Norwich City Council has become the fifth UK Council to pass a resolution giving its support to the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty.

The unanimous vote from the 3 political parties on the Council – Labour, Green and Lib Dem – calls on the UK Government to get actively involved in this multilateral disarmament process.

Norwich joins with Manchester, Edinburgh, Renfrewshire & Hebden Royd Town Council in passing resolutions and over 130 cities globally. See the ICAN 'nuclear ban website for more detail.

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ICAN's CEO Beatrice Fihn gave the 2019 International Politics lecture at Aberystwyth University on the 30th October at 6pm on the positive role of international politics & lobbying.

NFLA / M4P Secretary speaks at IPB / CND Conference

The NFLA / Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary was one of the speakers at a joint IPB / CND Conference in London on the security challenges and opportunities for the near future.

The talk focused on the progress with the NFLA

and Mayors for Peace in supporting its members developing resolutions to support the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty, divestment and peace education.

The wider conference had various expert panel discussions highlighting the real need

for cooperation between core groups & networks.

At the IPB Congress, CND Vice President Bruce Kent was awarded the annual Sean MacBride award. He had been a former President of the IPB and he has campaigned for a nuclear weapons free world for over 60 years.

NFLA publishes briefing on Brexit and energy/nuclear policy

NFLA have published a detailed assessment on what a 'no deal' Brexit could mean for nuclear, energy and environmental policy.

The assessment raised concerns around a potential divergence on environmental standards between the UK and the rest of the EU. It also suggested steep

price rises for energy, particularly in Northern Ireland could occur, due to the likely demise of the all-island Single Electricity Market.

The plans for the ONR to take control of the domestic nuclear safety regime from Euratom inspectors appears to be in place in the event of a deal, but may be

more uncertain in the 'no deal' scenario.

Whilst the UK Parliament has passed the proposed deal it has delayed its implementation. This has led to an impasse and a UK general election on the 12th December. The NFLA report can be found on its website.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**ONR NGO Forum,
London, 7th
November**

**Mayors for Peace
Exec Conference,
Hanover, Germany,
10-12 November**

**NFLA Scotland
Forum, Motherwell
Civic Centre, 14th
November (at
present this is still
going ahead but
could be subject to
possible change)**

**NFLA SC, AGM and
Annual Policy
Seminar, Manchester
Central Library, 31st
January 2020
(moved from 6th
December due to UK
general election)**