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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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The founding meeting of the Mayors for Peace  
European election

## A climate change general election?

A UK election being held on December 12<sup>th</sup> has seen climate change being one of the most important issues of the campaign.

All of the political parties have noted that tackling climate change is a critical policy area that the new government will have to deal with.

All of the political parties are committing to a 'zero carbon' UK, though the date to deliver that ranges from 2030 to 2050.

There is strong support for renewables, but a difference of opinion on the type and scale of the mix. On new nuclear, there is support from two of the parties of its

utility in reference to energy security, but others are totally opposed to it. On Trident, there are also divisions on those opposed to its replacement and those who see it as essential.

A NFLA media release calls on policies to deliver a renewable, safe & peaceful future.

## Mayors for Peace European Chapter founded at Exec Con

The Mayors for Peace Executive Conference took place in Hanover, Germany on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November.

The biannual meeting began with a special ceremony at Hanover's Aegidekirche on Remembrance Day. This church was badly damaged in bombing in the Second World War

but has been made into a memorial for peace. A wreath was laid by the Mayors of Hanover, Hiroshima & Nagasaki.

The main meeting agreed to actions for 2020, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bomb attacks and to consider core new issues to take on for the next Action Plan. A new vision that

looks at nuclear weapons abolition, safe and resilient cities and a culture of peace.

A special additional meeting founded a European Chapter of Mayors for Peace. With a good budget behind it, the Chapter will focus on European issues and developments. A report on it is on the NFLA & MFP websites.

**NFLA media releases, November 2019:**  
***(On NFLA website)***

- NFLA submits its view on Sellafield discharges
- NFLA welcomes Irish Youth Assembly climate declaration
- NFLA calls on all UK political parties to put climate change and multilateral disarmament as focal issues in general election campaign



Members of the Mayors for Peace Executive Conference pictured in City Hall, Hanover prior to their main meetings



Some of the attendees at the '50 Cities, 50 Traces' art exhibition in Manchester Central Library including the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the exhibition artist Klaudia Dietewich

## NFLA Scotland discusses Hunterston B and other concerns

The NFLA Scotland Forum held its final business meeting of the year in Glasgow City Chambers.

The NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor provided a detailed overview of Scottish nuclear policy.

There was particular discussion over the

issues with the aging Hunterston B Reactors 3 and 4. Reactor 4 has been temporarily re-started for four months, but it has been confirmed that it will close for checks again at the end of the year. The Forum agreed that the NFLA meets again with the

ONR Deputy Chief Inspector early in the new year.

Reports were also provided by the NFLA Secretary and CND Scotland. A planned seminar had been re-scheduled. The Policy Advisor's presentation is on the NFLA website.

## NFLA AGM and meetings moved to January onwards

The calling of the UK general election and purdah rules has meant that the planned NFLA AGM and the NFLA Scotland seminar have had to be moved into January.

The NFLA Scotland Forum will host a business meeting, AGM and seminar on January

24<sup>th</sup> in Glasgow. The seminar will consider Hunterston issues, Scottish energy issues and nuclear weapons divestment policies.

The NFLA Steering Committee business meeting, AGM and Annual Policy Seminar have been moved from December 6<sup>th</sup> and is

now on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

A NFLA English Forum / Mayors for Peace seminar is being planned in late February. The NFLA All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum and NFLA Welsh Forum meetings will be held in March 2020. Further information will be provided next month.

## Manchester launches art exhibition on NFLA's 39<sup>th</sup> birthday

The NFLA celebrated its 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary by launching an art exhibition in Manchester Central Library.

The '50 Cities, 50 Traces' exhibition has been set

up by the Mayors for Peace German Chapter to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The launch had

speeches from the Lord Mayor of Manchester, NFLA's Manchester representative and the artist. It is on in the library until the end of January, and will go on to Bristol & New York.

## ONR NGO Forum looks at graphite debris, Sellafield & waste

### **NFLA letters to the media** **November 2019:** ***(Sent to NFLA members)***

- The precautionary principle needs to be considered in the emergency planning zone around Hunterston B
- There is more to our movement than an 'irrational' concern over radiation (on website)



The Deputy Chief Nuclear Inspector presents issues over nuclear safety to the ONR NGO Forum meeting held in London



ICAN Executive Director gives the Annual Politics Lecture held at Aberystwyth University in Ceredigion about ICAN's work to abolish nuclear weapons

A core role of the NFLA for its members is to represent them in relevant nuclear stakeholder groups.

The NFLA Secretary took part in the Forum between group's concerned about nuclear safety and the Office for Nuclear Regulation.

Its November meeting included interaction with the Chief and Deputy Chief Nuclear Inspector.

There was considerable discussion on issues around graphite debris and corrosion of piping at Hunterston and at Dungeness.

Concern over military nuclear safety and waste was also looked at. A detailed look at ongoing safety issues at Sellafield as it moves away from reprocessing was also considered.

The NFLA Secretary has been invited to meet the new ONR Chair in January.

## NFLA responds to Sellafield discharges consultation

NFLA have published a detailed submission on the Draft Decision Document by the Environment Agency on Sellafield's permit on radioactive discharges to the local environment.

The changes come as reprocessing at the Sellafield site, and the priority moves to risk

alleviation, waste management and nuclear decommissioning.

It appears the EA have listened to NFLA comments made in an earlier consultation and planned discharge limits have lowered, but there needs to remain vigilance for the future. There remains concern over tritium levels on

land and in the sea.

Of course, the historic discharges from Sellafield have made the Irish Sea one of the most radioactive seas around. NFLA is concerned there is simply not enough research being undertaken to long-term effects. It can be found on the NFLA website.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**BEIS NGO Forum,  
London, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**NFLA Scotland Forum  
AGM and seminar,  
Glasgow City  
Chambers, 24<sup>th</sup>  
January 2020**

**NFLA SC, AGM and  
Annual Policy  
Seminar,  
Manchester Central  
Library, 31<sup>st</sup>  
January 2020**

**Other Forum  
meetings will be  
scheduled in the new  
year**