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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 Mayor of Granollers speaking at the Basel Peace Office meeting on encouraging youth activism

## NFLA holds AGM and re-elects Chair

The NFLA held its rescheduled 2019/20 AGM in Manchester and re-elected Leeds Councillor David Blackburn in what is now its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

The first NFLA Steering Committee meeting of 2020 considered in detail all aspects of its remit. This included updates on the impacts

of the December 2019 UK General Election and the issues within the February 2020 Irish General Election.

There were also updates on new nuclear, radioactive waste, nuclear safety, climate change and the climate emergency, nuclear transport and emergency planning issues, Mayors for Peace

and nuclear weapons policy.

The NFLA AGM approved its Service Plan, financial and annual reports. It looked as well at plans for commemorating 40 years of working for a renewable, safe & peaceful future. These documents will be added to the NFLA website shortly.

## East Ayrshire and Oxford latest Councils to support TPNW

In late December and late January two more UK Councils passed resolutions supporting the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and calling on the UK Government to renew efforts for multilateral nuclear disarmament.

NFLA and Mayors for Peace member East

Ayrshire Council passed two resolutions – one to support the TPNW and a second to call on the Strathclyde LA Pension Fund to divest from nuclear weapon companies.

This was followed by Mayors for Peace member Oxford City Council unanimously passing a resolution to

back the TPNW.

These resolutions make now 9 Councils in the UK who have passed support for such issues. Across the world, over 230 towns and cities have done likewise, the most recent being New York City Council.

A NFLA media release welcoming the resolutions is on its website.

**NFLA media releases,**

**January 2020:**  
***(On NFLA website)***

- NFLA question the need for new nuclear
- NFLA welcomes E Ayrshire & Oxford TPNW resolutions
- NFLA welcomes report on Hinkley C and EDF finance issues

**NFLA SECRETARY MEETS**

**BEIS, MOD, ONR AND THE NAC**

The NFLA Secretary had a busy month of meetings in January seeing senior staff from the UK Government, the nuclear regulator and the National Association of Councillors.

This included a useful meeting with BEIS staff to talk about nuclear emergency planning, and with the MOD over the submarine dismantling project.

A meeting was also held with the new ONR Chairman and the ONR Chief Executive to discuss its work. And a presentation was given to the NAC on climate change and energy issues.

## NFLA Scotland discusses Hunterston EP, energy & divestment

The NFLA Scotland Forum also held its rescheduled AGM in Glasgow City Chambers and it re-elected Cllr Feargal Dalton and Cllr Audrey Doig as its Convener and Vice-Convener.

The meeting included a detailed overview of Scottish nuclear policy

from Pete Roche and approved plans to attend the August Mayors for Peace meetings.

A special seminar focused on the Hunterston B facility with Dr Ian Fairlie reiterating his view it should close due to updated safety information on React-

ors 3 and 4. He and the NFLA Secretary also raised issues on nuclear emergency planning.

Dr Keith Baker gave an overview of the Commonwealth report on Scottish energy policy and Linda Pearson on nuclear divestment. See the NFLA website for the presentations.

## NFLA joins with Sizewell groups for March public meeting

The NFLA Secretariat is following up its autumn joint seminar on English new nuclear build with a further event that will look at the issues around developing a new nuclear reactor at Sizewell in Suffolk.

The March 14<sup>th</sup> seminar will be held with groups opposed to Sizewell C, as

well as bringing in issues relating to other new build sites.

EDF is pushing hard for Sizewell to be moved forward this year, both in trying to get finance for it through the UK Government, and calling for the start of the public inquiry process on it.

NFLA and local NGOs are concerned on the major impacts it would have to the local environment, concerns over climate change and coastal erosion and they believe renewable energy alternatives are safer, cheaper, more easily realisable and waste free. The flyer is on the NFLA website.

## NFLA Welsh and All Ireland SE Forums for March / April

Plans are underway to hold a NFLA Welsh Forum in late March in south Wales.

This meeting will look at the Hinkley Point and 'Hinkley mud' issue,

Welsh energy policy and renewables. It is likely to take place in Cardiff.

The next NFLA All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum will take place in Newry. It is

being delayed a little to take account of the Irish general election next month and the newly restored NI Government at Stormont. A date for it will be announced shortly.

**NFLA letters to the media****January 2020:  
(Sent to NFLA members)**

- Support given to a joint NCG letter to the New York Times on prospects for new nuclear
- Let's have an informed debate on nuclear weapons and the climate emergency

**NFLA / KIMO JOINT REPORT TO THE OSPAR RSC**

NFLA & KIMO have submitted a joint report to the OSPAR Radiation Substances Committee on its views over future Sellafield site discharges to the Irish Sea. NFLA welcome KIMO's action on tabling this report.

2020 is the deadline for such discharges being 'close to zero' and it is up to the RSC to consider.

Over the past decade, the western European governmental members of OSPAR have met each year to devise and monitor a programme that will reduce radioactive discharges to the NE Atlantic area.

This NFLA report on Sellafield - that had been submitted to the EA in November - is on its website.

**Will the new UK government advance new nuclear?**

The pro-nuclear lobby has inevitably gone into overdrive with lots of stories over the essential 'need' for new nuclear facilities.

This comes at a sensitive for the industry, as it lobbies hard for the UK Government to progress the

Revenue Asset Base model – an effective nuclear tax to fund new nuclear reactors.

NFLA published a detailed report by Professor Steve Thomas that showed the extent of the serious financial problems besetting EDF as it struggles to

finance the Hinkley Point C site. It shows how precarious the industry is.

Other press reports extol the 'need' and 'benefits' of small modular nuclear reactors to the UK. Again a NCG / NFLA report has shown the huge hurdles in developing them. Both reports can be found on the NFLA website.

**Mayors for Peace moves forward after Basel Peace Forum**

The UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary was part of an international delegation that too part in the 2020 Basel Peace Forum and associated meetings.

The Basel Peace Forum is led by the NGO 'Swisspeace' and is one of the largest such events held in the

world. Its focus in 2020 was on 'Cities for Peace' and it included discussions with leading Mayors, NGOs, business and civil society.

A fringe meeting was also held by the Basel Peace Office which looked at the role of youth in getting active on climate change and nuclear weapons issues.

A 'PACEY' award was given out to one of the youth groups that took part. The European Chapter Chair from Granollers spoke at it.

Meetings were also held with the Basel Canton and to discuss the European Chapter, in what is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Hiroshima & Nagasaki.

**Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members**

**NFLA SC and AGM,  
Conference Room,  
Royal Exchange  
Building, Manchester,  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

**NFLA English  
Forum, TASC and  
other groups joint  
seminar, Saxmund-  
ham Parish Hall,  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Dates for the NFLA  
Welsh Forum in  
Cardiff, NFLA All  
Ireland SE Forum in  
Newry and the NFLA  
Scotland Forum in  
Paisley will be com-  
municated shortly**