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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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Members of the NFLA Steering Committee
after their AGM in Manchester

'Hinkley mud' and coastal discharges

The NFLA is alarmed with the Natural Resource Wales decision to commence public discussion on a second EDF application to dump as much as 780,000 tons of dredged material from the Hinkley Point site to the a site off the South Wales coast.

The first application,

which dumped around 130,000 tons of dredged mud off the south coast of Wales last year, generated considerable opposition and a full debate in the Senedd.

NFLA are linking in to a full joint response with other groups to a NRW consultation on the matter. The amount being dredged this time

is considerably higher.

It comes after research from NFLA advisor Tim Deere-Jones on RIFE reports for 2016, 2017 and 2018, which show increased radioactivity levels in the environment since the dredging began. A NFLA Welsh Forum is being held in April. A NFLA media release is on its website.

NFLA Scotland outline SEDA vision and Hunterston concerns

Actions from the NFLA Scotland meeting has led to a response to a consultation on the remit of a proposed Scottish Energy Development Agency (SEDA) and, shortly, a letter to North Ayrshire councillors on the offsite emergency plan for Hunterston B.

At the NFLA meeting, Dr

Keith Baker talked about the potential of a SEDA to drive up renewables further and tackle fuel poverty.

In its response, NFLA welcome the possibility of developing such an agency, but call on much greater clarity of its role, formation and democratic role. The response will influence

part of a wider report expected in the summer.

The NFLA Scotland Convener is also writing to senior North Ayrshire councillors urging them to review the size of the Hunterston B emergency planning zone, and calling for wider pre-distribution of iodine tablets. See the NFLA website for its SEDA submission.

NFLA media releases, February 2020:
(On NFLA website)

- NFLA object over proposed increased discharges from HMNB Clyde bases
- As EDF plan Sizewell C, NFLA plan Saxmundham public meeting
- NFLA concerned about new 'Hinkley mud' application
- NFLA determine its 2020 priorities



Mayors for Peace Italian representative Lisa Clark speaking at the ICAN Paris Forum workshop



Manchester City Council officer Elena Tompkins working in the Mayors for Peace office in Hiroshima as an intern to share information between the two cities on our peace work

NFLA Sizewell C public meeting on environmental concerns

The NFLA English Forum has finalised the speaker panel for its joint public meeting with local groups on the environmental & other concerns with building Sizewell C.

EDF is expected to apply for a Development Consent Order for the Sizewell C site,

triggering a public inquiry.

The March 14th meeting has been organised by NFLA in conjunction with four local groups concerned about Sizewell C.

Speakers include prominent environmentalist Simon Barnes, Ben

McFarland of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Rachel Fulcher of FOE, Linda Pentz Gunter of Beyond Nuclear, Pete Wilkinson for TASC / TEAGS & Andy Blowers of BANNING.

The flyer is on the NFLA website and registration is now open. Places are filling up fast for it.

Mayors for Peace colleagues speak at ICAN Paris Forum

As part of the development of the new Mayors for Peace Chapter, it is seeking to develop partnerships with relevant groups.

An invitation was accepted allowing two Mayors for Peace representatives to speak at the ICAN Paris Forum. This Forum brought

together over 700 mainly young activists to talk about ways to engage on the nuclear disarmament issue.

A keynote speech was given by the 'hibakusha' Setsuko Thirlow, who gave part of the talk at ICAN's Nobel Peace Prize ceremony. A wide range of other speakers

and topics were held.

A workshop was held on how activists should engage with Mayors, Councils, businesses & international groups. Mayor Philippe Rio, Lisa Clark and Jasminka Bajlo from Mayors for Peace spoke at it. A full report can be found on the ICAN website.

Climate change a major issue in the Irish general election

A snap Irish general election held in February was dominated by the issues of climate change, the cost and quality of housing and healthcare. In an unexpected result, Sinn Fein got the largest

share of the vote, closely followed by Fianna Fail & Fine Gael. The Green Party also got its highest vote. It is not clear which parties will come together in a new coalition.

The NFLA Irish Forum Co-Chair Cllr Malcolm Noonan is one of the new TDs. The NFLA is looking to hold its next meeting in Newry to look at low carbon issues in early May.

NFLA & KIMO submit report to SEPA on Faslane discharges

NFLA letters to the media

February 2020:
(Sent to NFLA members)

- NFLA / Mayors for Peace supported a joint letter to the Mayor of Hainau over the February terrorist attack
- We need action, not waffle from the UK Government on climate change

The NFLA has again joined up with KIMO International to submit a detailed response on proposed changes to radioactive discharges from the Trident submarine sites at Faslane and Coulport.

The Ministry of Defence has submitted an appli-

cation to SEPA calling for changes to its discharge permits at both sites.

The NFLA / KIMO joint response will conclude that the MOD's application could see a 30-fold increase in tritium discharge and 50-fold increase in cobalt dis-

charge to the local environment.

It notes real uncertainties with such discharges and calls for the precautionary approach to be taken. It also calls for non-nuclear powered submarines. The response and a media release can be found on the NFLA website on March 2nd.

Mayors for Peace Europe planning to meet Pope Francis

The new European Mayors for Peace Chapter has been invited to a reception with Pope Francis to talk about the need for global nuclear disarmament.

The April visit will follow on from the Pope's visit to Hiroshima and Nagasaki in late November 2019.

The Vatican State was one of the first to sign and ratify the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and Pope Francis has hosted key conferences on disarmament.

The reception in April will allow for discussion on ways to reduce tensions in this area, and be a good launch

for the Chapter.

Attending the event will be Mayors from Manchester, Granollers (Spain), Biograd na Moru (Croatia), Hanover (Germany), Brescia and Cervia (Italy), Grigny and Malakoff (France). A full report on the meeting will be given in the April NFLA Newsletter.

NUCLEAR EMERGENCY PLANNING – NFLA PREPARE REPORT

At the NFLA Scotland seminar in Glasgow, 2 presentations (all are on its website) looked at concerns over nuclear emergency planning.

The NFLA Secretariat is completing a detailed report, which will be out in March, analysing the implementation of such off-site plans.



Delegates at the ICAN Paris Forum workshop engaging with Councils, business and international organisations

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

NFLA English Forum joint public meeting, Saxmundham, 14th March

NFLA SC & Mayors for Peace Chapter, Manchester, 27th March

NFLA Welsh Forum, Cardiff County Hall, 3rd April

NFLA Scotland Forum, Renfrewshire House, Paisley, 23rd April

NFLA All Ireland Forum, O'Hagan House, Newry, 1st May (tbc)