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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 world prepares for the 75th anniversary of 'the bomb'

Final preparations are taking place in Japan and across the world to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the use of atomic weapons on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

On August 6th and 9th 1945, a hydrogen and a plutonium bomb was dropped on each city, destroying much of it

and leading to the deaths of over 200,000 people. Many more died due to the effects of radiation exposure.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made it difficult to hold public events, but both of the Hiroshima & Nagasaki Peace Ceremonies will go ahead as planned, though with a reduced attendance.

Live and online events are taking place around the world as part of the 'Global Peace Wave'. A UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Policy Briefing is seeking to outline some of the key events.

It is important to support this key anniversary and join in the campaign for 'No More Hiroshima' and 'No More Nagasaki'.

NFLA publishes report on 'near miss' between sub & ferry

The NFLA has published a Policy Briefing on its website analysing a Marine Accident Investigation Bureau (MAIB) report on a 'near miss' incident between a nuclear powered submarine and the main Belfast – Cairnryan passenger ferry.

The MAIB report outlines that the

submarine and the ferry were within 250 yards of a collision in November 2018. It was only the quick response of the ferry crew that avoided the incident. The ferry was laden with vehicles and over 280 passengers.

The MAIB report outlines at least two previous near miss

incidents. NFLA has also previously noted incidents of near misses between such submarines and fishing trawlers.

In its report NFLA make a number of recommendations around avoiding incidents of submarines around key 'choke points' in the Irish Sea. It will write to the MAIB and the Royal Navy on this matter.

NFLA media releases, July 2020:

(On NFLA website)

- NFLA publishes report on recommendation after 'near miss' incident report between submarine and ferry
- On third anniversary of TPNW, NFLA prepares for 75th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki attacks
- NFLA joins with European groups to welcome the EU Transition Fund excluding nuclear

NFLA SUPPORT CROWD-FUNDING REQUEST FOR PEACE BOAT

The NFLA have sent a letter of support to the Japanese Peace Boat to support their crowd-funding campaign in August.

Like with many other NGOs, the Covid-19 pandemic has negatively affected the finances of Peace Boat and made it difficult to continue its work of 'Peace Voyages' around the world.

NFLA have worked with Peace Boat for many years and fully support its work.

Mayors for Peace Chapter seminar presentations online

NFLA has placed on its website the presentations from the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter webinar on the 3rd July.

The webinar was very well attended with a wide range of Mayors, Provosts and senior councillors attending, as well as a wide range of

council officers, peace and faith groups.

The webinar was opened by the Lord Mayor of Manchester and chaired by the Council's Lead Member for Mayors for Peace activity, Cllr Eddy Newman.

A presentation was

provided by the Chapter /NFLA Secretary, giving a full update of Mayors for Peace activity.

Manchester CC officer Elena Tompkins gave an overview of her placement in Hiroshima. The group Peace Partners also profiled their practical peace education work.

NFLA Secretary discusses stakeholder best practice

A key part of the work of the NFLA Secretariat is to engage in the nuclear policy debate as a core stakeholder on behalf of its member authorities.

As part of this, the NFLA Secretary attends a number of nuclear policy Forums – the BEIS NGO Forum, the ONR NGO Forum, the NDA Stake-

holder Summit and the NDA RWM NGO Forum, along with meetings of the LGA NuLEAF and COSLA SCORRS meetings. It is also represented at the Irish EPA Radiation Issues Group and (with KIMO) the OSPAR Radiation Substances Committee.

In recent weeks, many

of these Forums have met, and there remains frustrations with them.

The NFLA Secretary is discussing ways to improve some of these Forums, as well as promoting best practice in core nuclear site stakeholder groups. A report is being prepared on this matter.

NFLA Forum webinar presentations and SC actions go online

The presentations from the four June NFLA National Forum meetings and a report on core discussion in its Steering Committee has gone on the NFLA website for its members to read.

The webinars were an active response to the Covid-19 pandemic and were well attended by both NFLA member and officer contacts, as well as by relevant environmental and anti-nuclear

groups.

After each NFLA Steering Committee, the NFLA Secretariat publishes a full overview of background and actions to its core workstreams.

**COPELAND
COUNCIL
INDICATES
INTEREST IN
HOSTING DEEP
WASTE
REPOSITORY**

A Copeland Council Executive meeting has agreed to go into initial talks with RWM to consider hosting a deep underground radioactive waste repository.

It will 'open discussions' with RWM. Requests from the UK Government to Councils to consider hosting a repository began in early 2019.

Copeland have said a 'red line' for them is that a repository should not go near the Lake District, but they are open to an area that goes out to 12 nautical miles off the coast under the Irish Sea. NFLA is contacting Irish Councils and Irish environmental groups, who will likely be very concerned about it.

**NEW MAYORS
FOR PEACE YOU
TUBE FILM**

A new You Tube film of leading Mayors for Peace members and from the global disarmament community calling for 'No More Hiroshima' and 'No More Nagasaki' is now online. If you would like to watch the 7 minute video go to the Mayors for Peace website home page where there is a link to the video.

Hinkley Point update – Geiger Bay, China & finance concerns

Ongoing concerns with various aspects of the Hinkley Point site has continued in July.

A 'Geiger Bay' campaign has been set up to raise concerns over the plans to dump over 600,000 tonnes of sediment from the Hinkley Point site to an offshore site

close to Cardiff Bay. A petition calling for an environmental impact assessment is open for signing. The group are also actively lobbying the membership of an expert panel assessing the low levels of radioactivity in this material.

Hinkley C, Sizewell and

Bradwell are being analysed in a review over the involvement of Chinese nuclear operator CGN, given wider security concerns. Without Chinese financial support the sites may not be realised.

NFLA has also published a link to a new report over concerns with financing Hinkley C.

NFLA reports planned in August – AGRs, divestment & more

With the next round of NFLA National Forum & Steering Committee meetings planned for September & October, it gives time for the Secretariat to develop a number of new reports in August.

One of the main reports that will be published will be a full analysis of the future

of EDF's existing AGR nuclear reactors.

Starting with the real issues over whether the Hunterston B reactors will restart, the NFLA briefing will also consider similar aging issues with Hinkley Point B, Dungeness, Heysham, Hartlepool and Torness reactors.

The NFLA Secretariat is

also developing a report on whether Council-owned pension funds could divest from fossil fuels and nuclear weapons. It hopes to finalise as well reports on nuclear emergency planning & transport issues, and on new nuclear build. Watch the NFLA website and social media for details.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

Hiroshima and Nagasaki 75th anniversary events, 6th & 9th August

NFLA Steering Committee webinar, 4th September

NFLA Scotland Forum webinar, 11th September

NFLA All Ireland Forum webinar, 25th September

NFLA England Forum webinar, 9th October

NFLA Welsh Forum webinar, 23rd October