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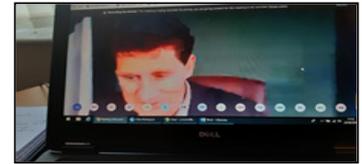
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**NFLA:**  
<http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>  
**(Also links to Facebook and Twitter)**  
**CNFE:** <http://www.cnfe.eu>  
**MFP:** <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>  
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Irish Climate Change Minister Eamon Ryan on the NFLA All Ireland webinar call

## Climate Change Minister speaks at NFLA All Ireland meeting

The new Irish Climate Action Minister Eamon Ryan was the keynote speaker at the NFLA All Ireland Sustainable Energy Forum webinar held in September.

Minister Ryan welcomed the work of the Forum and provided an overview of the new government's plans for up-scaling deep retrofitting,

creating a National Land Use Strategy and making improvements to low carbon transport take-up.

Also speaking were Cathy Burns and Leo Strawbridge of Derry & Strabane Council. They outlined the Council's climate change adaptation plans. Cross-border work they do with

Donegal County Council was welcomed.

Nuclear issues were considered by Tim Deere – Jones outlining the report on a near miss between a nuclear submarine and ferry, and the NFLA Secretary on nuclear waste impacts to Ireland. The presentations and video clips are on the NFLA website.

## Wylfa B & Oldbury plans end – is new nuclear in crisis?

Hitachi has decided to withdraw from the Wylfa B and Oldbury new nuclear projects, in what has been seen as a major blow for 'big' nuclear in the UK.

Hitachi had been an enthusiastic supporter of new nuclear and its ABWR reactor design had been approved by the nuclear regulator.

However, the near financial collapse of Toshiba – due to its subsidiary nuclear company Westinghouse – and concerns over the increasing costs have had a real impact on the Hitachi Board.

Two years ago Hitachi stalled the Wylfa and Oldbury projects, but kept its options open for

further talks with the UK Government. It has now decided, with the likes of Brexit & Covid-19 costs, that the financial risks to the project outweigh any benefits.

With financial challenges for EDF, and security issues with CGN, 'big' nuclear is in real crisis. See the NFLA media release on its website for its views on this.

**NFLA media releases,**

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

- NFLA hears from the Irish Climate Action Minister for their meeting
- NFLA notes key findings of the World Nuclear Industry Status Report
- NFLA welcomes International Peace Day & Nuclear Weapons Elimination Day
- Hitachi's decision shows the crisis in 'big' nuclear
- NFLA welcome Geiger Bay petition
- NFLA publishes nuclear fusion response

**WORLD NUCLEAR STATUS REPORT 2020**

The annual report on the state of the global nuclear sector suggests further decline at the expense of renewables.

It notes the world's operating nuclear fleet is at a 30 year low. 2019 was the first year that renewable energy generation outperformed nuclear power. The full report is online and is well worth reading.

**NFLA plans webinar with M4P Europe & ICAN as it turns 40**

November 2020 will be a major milestone for the NFLA – it will be its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

With Covid-19 making public events impractical, the NFLA are seeking to develop a special webpage and are talking with the National Peace Museum to show some artefacts

from the formation of the NFLA.

It is also looking into developing a couple of prominent webinars. One such event will be a joint webinar that also celebrates the first anniversary of the Mayors for Peace European Chapter. Linking with ICAN, the webinar

will look at the state of peace and security in Europe, the ICAN Cities Appeal and developing safe, resilient and more peaceful cities. It will include prominent speakers.

The programme for this webinar will go out to all members & NGO groups shortly.

**NFLA Secretary speaks at international stakeholder event**

The NFLA Secretary was invited to be one of the speakers at an international workshop to consider ways to improve stakeholder dialogue on radioactive waste and nuclear decommissioning issues.

The workshop was co-organised between the NDA and the OECD

Nuclear Energy Agency.

The NFLA Secretary and BEIS NGO Forum Co-Chair Professor Andy Blowers were asked to give their views on stakeholder engagement in these areas of nuclear policy, along with a speaker from NuLEAF and from the NDA Site Stakeholder

Group network.

The NEA has a Stakeholder Engagement expert group which is looking at ways to improve best practice in this area. The workshop allowed for a full and frank exchange of views. NFLA are committed to improving stakeholder dialogue.

**NFLA Scotland and NFLA English Forum meetings in October**

The NFLA Scotland and NFLA English Forum meetings on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October are now being advertised.

The NFLA Scotland Forum meeting will be a

detailed business meeting of all aspects of its policy agenda. Policy Advisor Pete Roche will also provide a presentation on Hunterston restarts and the aging AGR programme.

NFLA England will be looking at local energy. It will include speakers from Manchester, Leeds and Hull Councils as well as a speaker giving a personal perspective on Robin Hood Energy.

**NFLA letters to the media, September 2020**  
(Emailed to members)

- It is not a nuclear summit we need for a new energy policy in the UK
- Moorside new nuclear is another new nuclear pipedream

**NFLA PUBLISHES NUCLEAR FUSION BRIEFING**

Following a request from the UKAEA to all English Councils to consider hosting a new UK nuclear fusion experimental reactor, the NFLA has developed a briefing to respond to it.

The NFLA briefing provides a brief history of the difficulties in realising fusion technology and the moves for it by the UK in its post Brexit plans.

It outlines the real issues of concern with trying to develop fusion in terms of cost, waste and technical challenge. It is now on the NFLA website.



The NFLA All Ireland Forum Co-Chair Councillor David Healy speaking at the Forum webinar

## NFLA Welsh Forum webinar on Geiger Bay & core issues

The NFLA Welsh Forum is holding its autumn webinar on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

It is considering four important issues. The first is on the ongoing concern around the dumping of as much as 780,000 tonnes of mud from the Hinkley Point

site to the Cardiff Deep Grounds. Tim Deere-Jones, representing the new 'Geiger Bay' coalition of groups, will outline the main issues of concern.

Neil Crumpton of PAWB will consider what may happen in North Wales now that the Wylfa B

project has collapsed.

Dan McCullum of Egni Cooperative Energy will outline their work supporting a number of Welsh Councils developing local renewables. Thomas Pitt of CND Cymru will conclude the meeting looking at the ICAN Cities Appeal. Registration is open for it.

## NFLA speaks at Nuclear Weapons Abolition Day key event

The NFLA SC Chair was one of the speakers at a major international coalition event for the UN Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

NFLA, with the UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter, had issued a media release (now on its website) advertising the many

local & national events held for International Peace Day five days earlier.

The September 26<sup>th</sup> event was held by a coalition of groups called '#We The People' that also commemorated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations.

The NFLA Chair outlined work it was doing for its

own 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in conjunction with the Mayors for Peace to encourage towns and cities to campaign for a nuclear weapons free world.

Other speakers in the webinar included Jackie Cabasso of Mayors for Peace, Fabian Hamilton MP and Bill Kidd MSP.

## Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

**NFLA Welsh Forum webinar, 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**NFLA Scotland Forum webinar & online business meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**NFLA England Forum webinar, 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**NFLA AGM & Steering Committee, 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Mayors for Peace / NFLA and ICAN joint webinar on peace, security and disarmament in Europe, 12<sup>th</sup> November (tbc)**