



NFLA @ 40 – HOW DID IT COME ABOUT, WHAT HAS BEEN ITS IMPACT AND WHY DOES IT STILL REMAIN RELEVANT?

Friday 6th November, 11.30am – 1pm



November 2020 is a milestone for the Nuclear Free Local Authorities as it commemorates the 40th anniversary of its formation. In 1980 Councils from across the UK (and later) the Republic of Ireland passed resolutions of concern over the potential for a nuclear weapon attack and to oppose developing civil defence plans for them.

With the Chernobyl and Fukushima disasters it has also raised many concerns over the safety and need for nuclear power. And now it also advocates the positive role of decentralised energy. As a part of the Nobel Peace Laureate ICAN coalition this webinar will celebrate 40 years of dynamic and radical activity.

Speaker programme:

How did it come about?

- Councillor David Blackburn, NFLA Steering Committee Chair – introduction (confirmed)
- Councillor Eddy Newman – re-creating November 5th 1980 and the resolution declaring itself a 'nuclear free' city (confirmed)
- Bob Overy, former Principal Emergency Planning Officer, Leeds City Council – how the 'nuclear free zones' movement challenged the Government's 'Protect & Survive' policies (confirmed) (the talk will be given on Bob's behalf by Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary)

What has been its impact?

- Stewart Kemp, former NFLA Secretary (1985 – 1997) – the development of the NFLA, the Chernobyl disaster and its warm alliance with the Mayors for Peace (confirmed)
- Kate Hudson, General Secretary, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament – the battle to 'ban the bomb' and the positive role of local government around the world (confirmed)
- David Reinberger, Lead Officer for the Vienna City Council Ombuds-Office for the Environment and Secretariat of the Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe – why cities have called for nuclear free policies following the Chernobyl and Fukushima disasters (confirmed)
- Councillor Norman McDonald, former Chair of KIMO International – cleaning our radioactive seas at the OSPAR Intergovernmental Commission (invited)
- Tomihisa Taue, Mayor of Nagasaki, Chair of NFLA Japan and Vice President of Mayors for Peace – the 75 year campaign for a nuclear free world (video message - confirmed)

Why does NFLA remain relevant today?

- Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary – being at the centre of the energy and peace debates (confirmed)
- Open discussion, allowing for comments from attendees, with closing comments from the NFLA Steering Committee Chair

To register for this webinar, which will be held on Microsoft Teams, email NFLA Secretary Sean Morris – s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk - If you have any queries please ring Sean on 07771 930196. The NFLA website has further details on its work – <https://www.nuclearpolicy.info>

