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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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One of the original NFLA signs created by Manchester City Council in the 1980s (source NFLA / National Peace Museum)

NFLA commemorates its 40th anniversary

A special NFLA Steering Committee and webinar were held in early November to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the creation of the organisation.

The NFLA arose after a series of resolutions were passed by Councils across the UK, which included one by Manchester City Council

that sought the creation of an association.

A special webpage to celebrate the 40th anniversary has been placed on the NFLA website. A number of social media messages were also placed on the Manchester City Council website.

The 40th anniversary NFLA webinar included

an overview of the NFLA's origins, a celebration of its core partnerships with CNFE, KIMO, Mayors for Peace and a wide range of NGOs. It also looked at what NFLA does now for its members. A special message was sent by the Mayor of Nagasaki.

Please consult the NFLA website for more details.

NFLA plans major webinar with Mayors for Peace & ICAN

A large audience is now expected for a high-profile webinar on peace and security in Europe in the 2020s.

The webinar has been co-organised between the Mayors for Peace European Chapter, the NFLA and the Nobel Peace Laureate, ICAN.

The webinar will look at

the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) in January 2021. It also encourages Councils to pass resolutions supporting the TPNW. It will also focus on ways to create safer, resilient and more peaceful towns and cities.

Amongst the speakers

are the Mayors of Hiroshima, Barcelona, Oslo, Manchester, Granollers, Grigny and Braga.

Beatrice Fihn and Daniel Hogsta of ICAN will be speaking at the webinar, as will Dr Tytti Erasto from the Swedish Peace Institute (SIPRI). It will be held on December 4 and registration is open via the NFLA website.

NFLA media releases,

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

- NFLA urges more resources for renewables in the UK Spending Review
- EPA report a wake-up call for more radical action
- NFLA comment on 10 Point Plan
- NFLA publishes report on getting to 100% renewables
- NFLA publishes report on Beaufort's Dyke
- NFLA publishes green recovery report
- NFLA's 40th anniversary

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT CRITICAL ON STATE OF MAGNOX SITES

The UK Public Accounts Committee has published a report on the state of the 17 Magnox reactors due to be decommissioned over the next century.

It notes the NDA does not have a clear idea of their exact state and decommissioning them will now cost £132bn over the next 100 years. The PAC wants clearer discipline on these projects from the NDA. NFLA welcomes the report.

NFLA publishes report on how to create a 'green' recovery

NFLA have published a new report which looks at the possibility of a 'green' recovery to respond to the issues created by the Covid-19 pandemic. It will also benefit climate work.

The NFLA report is the third in recent months that looks at the important role of Councils

in promoting low carbon projects.

The NFLA report first looks at the expected approaches of the UK, Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Governments in the area of a green recovery. Each has said it wishes to 'build back better' with sus-

tainable projects.

The report considers new ways and ideas to both develop a green recovery as well as seeking public consent for them. It also includes over 65 local case studies across all parts of the UK & Ireland. It can be found on the NFLA website.

NFLA report shows how to create a 100% renewables policy

To complement the NFLA report on building a green recovery, a parallel briefing has been developed on how to build a 100% renewables system.

Developed by the NFLA SC Policy Advisor Pete Roche, this informative report considers the regularly made comment

that the UK needs new nuclear - as it is simply 'impossible' to get to a 100% renewable electricity system.

The report compares the costs between new nuclear and renewables, and the major moves forward with both energy storage and energy efficiency. The

report looks at the need for a flexible grid system. It argues the 'baseload' model has become outdated.

Using a wide range of new academic studies, the report shows there is ample evidence that 100% renewables is possible. The report is on the NFLA website.

NFLA publishes report on the Beaufort's Dyke Irish Sea area

The NFLA has followed up a previous briefing on a 'near-miss' incident between a UK nuclear powered submarine and a passenger ferry, with a wider briefing on the Beaufort's Dyke area of

the Irish Sea.

This part of the Irish Sea, between Scotland and Northern Ireland, is an area of deep water that has previously been used to dump

wartime munitions and radioactive waste. The briefing has been shared with members and local MPs, MSPs and MLAs. It can be found on the NFLA website.

NFLA letters to the media,**November 2020**

- We'll be paying for many years for the legacy of nuclear power
- How can we go for new nuclear if we are not fully sure of the costs of old nuclear?

NFLA COMMENTS ON IRISH EPA STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The NFLA has read with alarm a new report on the state of the Irish environment and reducing carbon emissions.

The report states as 'very poor' progress to reducing emissions and calls on renewed action. In a media release, the NFLA call on the Irish Government to give Councils new powers and funds in this area.

NFLA SECRETARY SPEAKING AT GM CND WEBINAR

Following on from the 40th anniversary NFLA webinar, GM CND has asked the NFLA Secretary to speak on the 5th December at a webinar on the connections established in 1980 that led to Manchester's 'nuclear free' declaration. Go to its website if you wish to register.

UK Government's 10 Point Green Plan a missed opportunity

The NFLA has made its comments on the UK Government's '10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution'.

The plan is linked to the UK Spending Review, an Infrastructure report and an expected White Paper on energy policy.

In its analysis, whilst

NFLA welcome limited new funding for parts of it, they are disappointed with ongoing support for new nuclear projects – small, large and fusion reactors.

NFLA call such support short-sighted given that most of these projects will be developed too late to impact on the

existing climate emergency which requires urgent action in the next 2 decades.

Whilst welcoming support for energy efficiency and renewable transport, the plan only offers £12bn in new funding compared to £27bn on new roads alone. See the NFLA website for further detail.

What impact may entry into force of the TPNW have?

The global disarmament community is working hard on plans to celebrate the entry into force on January 22nd of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

Many events are being planned for it, including the joint 4th December webinar by the Mayors for Peace, NFLA and ICAN noted

on page 1 of this newsletter.

The planned UN's Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in January 2021 has had to be postponed again. It may now be held in August 2021.

This gives more time for the TPNW to gain momentum in the UN.

There remain huge challenges in persuading the nuclear weapon states and their supporters to engage within it.

It will be interesting to see how President Biden deals with the unilateralism of the past 4 years and the many stresses around nuclear weapons. NFLA will monitor carefully.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

Mayors for Peace / NFLA and ICAN joint webinar on peace, security and disarmament in Europe, 4th December 2020

NFLA Steering Committee and Annual General Meeting, 29th January 2021 (date tbc)

Other Forum meeting will be timetabled in for February and March 2021 in conjunction with the NFLA Forum Chairs