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Useful website / partner links:

NFLA: <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>
CNFE: <http://www.cnfe.eu>
Mayors for Peace: <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>
2020 Vision: <http://www.2020visioncampaign.org>
KIMO: <http://www.kimointernational.org>
ICAN-UK: <http://www.ican-uk.org>

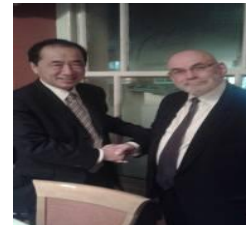
Hinkley – further key delays?

The proposed building of a new nuclear reactor at Hinkley Point appears to have been delayed again as EDF has admitted a planned March 2015 investment decision has been put back.

Meanwhile, the announcement that Austria will a legal challenge to the European Commission's

approval of the Hinkley state aid deal has led to some diplomatic disagreement with the UK. A legal challenge could take 2 years to consider.

According to media reports, EDF will now not make an investment decision until early autumn. This is due to a combination of complex discussions with the



Former Japanese PM Naoto Kan with the NFLA Chair, Councillor Mark Hackett, in Cardiff.

Chinese utilities planning to partially fund the development, issues at Areva, concern around the Austrian challenge & the UK general election.

At a European Council meeting the UK Prime Minister refused to accept a letter from the Austrian Chancellor over Hinkley. NFLA will closely monitor this debate.

Former Japanese PM says "safe nuclear is no nuclear"

The NFLA was pleased to be one of the groups that helped with a visit to Wales by the former Prime Minister (PM) of Japan, Naoto Kan.

Mr Kan was PM of Japan at the time of the 2011 Fukushima disaster. He spoke at a public meeting in Cardiff sponsored by the Presiding Officer of

the Welsh Assembly. Alongside Mr Kan was the Director of the Japanese Institute for Renewable Energy and an evacuee from the Fukushima disaster.

Mr Kan said that the Fukushima disaster was a man-made disaster. He said it had convinced him of the inherent risk of nuclear power and the only safe option was to

abandon it completely.

The delegation travelled on to Anglesey to see the proposed Wylfa B development, talk to members of Anglesey Council and speak at a public meeting to local people concerned about this development.

NFLA met with Mr Kan and were delighted to work with other groups on this key visit.

**NFLA media releases
February 2015:
(On NFLA website.)**

- NFLA welcome former Japanese PM's visit to Wales on Fukushima and nuclear power
- NFLA welcome Church of England statement on need for a Trident debate
- NFLA share concerns over safety of aging nuclear reactors
- NFLA submits views on ILW storage from nuclear submarines
- Recent incidents emphasise NFLA concerns on transport of nuclear materials
- More delays at Hinkley C? It's time to cancel this project and divert to alternative projects



Above: Mr Naoto Kan speaking at special meeting in Cardiff Bay.
Below: Mr Iida speaking at the same event on sustainable energy.



NFLA submit views on submarine radwaste storage options

The NFLA has submitted its views to the Ministry of Defence over the shortlisted sites to store intermediate level waste (ILW) from dismantled nuclear submarines.

The MOD plans to dismantle 27 nuclear submarines stored at Rosyth in Fife and Plymouth Devonport.

ILW from the Reactor Pressure Vessels will be taken out of each sub and taken to a site for storage of at last 100 years. The five short-listed sites include Sellafield, Chapelcross, Capenhurst, Burghfield and Aldermaston.

In its response, NFLA argue that no new subs

should be built creating new waste streams. NFLA are concerned with the overly optimistic scenario of moving the ILW to a deep underground store, and call for an interim store capable of lasting 150 years. NFLA are concerned with issues of democratic oversight. See the NFLA website for details.

NFLA English Forum / SC seminar on small scale renewables

Registration is open for the NFLA English Forum spring seminar on the potential of a number of 'distributive energy' options.

These include LED street lights, smart meters, anaerobic digestion, battery backed solar PV and small 'farm-scale' wind energy projects.

The seminar will also consider the ways energy efficiency can be scaled-up in a time of financial austerity for local government.

Speakers include Omar Rahim, the Director of trading for LG Energy and Raymond Yeng, a Lead Assessor with the Energy Institute.

The seminar will take place directly after the NFLA Steering Committee meeting and is open to all member & non-member authorities and interested NGOs.

The seminar will aid the NFLA's understanding of how to develop Council energy policies. The flyer is on the website.

NFLA Scotland discuss ESCO's & Scottish nuclear policy

NFLA Scotland held a business meeting, AGM and short seminar in Glasgow City Chambers.

The meeting re-elected the Convener and Vice Convener. It also

discussed the NFLA Scotland Forum's busy work agenda.

Sandy Wito, an energy consultant, provided an informative presentation to the Forum on the

ways Scottish Councils could develop energy policies and energy service companies.

His presentation will be placed on the NFLA website.

NFLA letters to media, February 2015: (emailed to members)

- NFLA is all for a full debate on nuclear power and Ireland
- Why is the UK trying to bully Austria over the Hinkley Point legal challenge?
- UK retaliation to Austria over its legal challenge shows how fragile the new nuclear project is
- NAO is right to be alarmed at Hinkley C lending regime

NFLA contacts the UK Chief Nuclear Inspector over Belgian incident

The NFLA has written to the Chief UK Nuclear Inspector after it has emerged a large number of cracks were identified on two Belgian nuclear reactors. The letter asked for its implications to UK nuclear safety.

NFLA is hosting the next ONR NGO Forum on April 16th in Manchester Town Hall.



Fukushima evacuee Mrs. Aito addresses meeting in Cardiff on problems for local towns around Fukushima.

NFLA All Ireland Forum to look at Sellafield concerns

The NFLA All Ireland Forum will next meet in Newry at the end of March.

The seminar will focus on recent developments at Sellafield and discuss the potential risks of the site to Ireland.

It will also consider the issues behind the dev-

elopment of 'small' nuclear reactors and challenge whether they are a suitable part of Ireland's future energy mix.

A speaker from the N Ireland Renewables Industry Group has been invited to talk about the potential of renewables on the island and how

to respond to local concerns.

Friends of the Earth Northern Ireland have also been invited to talk about the development of green infrastructure in Ireland.

A flyer is on the NFLA website and registration is now open.

Mayors for Peace passes 6500 member mark

The NFLA welcomes a new milestone for the Mayors for Peace, which reached 6500 members in February. This marks a remarkable 12-fold rise in its membership since 2003.

Mayors for Peace are planning to send a large delegation to represent it at the upcoming

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in May.

Prior to this, the NFLA Chair & NFLA Secretary will be attending the 'Ypres 100' Conference in April. This will commemorate the centenary of the first use in war of chemical weapons. It will also focus on the Mayors

for Peace 'Cities are not Targets!' campaign.

NFLA has welcomed a Church of England Bishops statement seeking a full public debate on Trident replacement. A full NFLA briefing on Trident replacement has been compiled and will be approved at its March meeting.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

NFLA Steering Committee, Manchester Town Hall, 20th March.

NFLA English Forum / SC joint seminar, Manchester Town Hall, 20th March.

NFLA All Ireland Forum seminar, Newry Council Offices, 27th March.

NFLA Scotland Forum, Paisley Renfrewshire House, 5th June.

NFLA Steering Committee, Manchester Town Hall, 19th June.