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Websites / partner links:

NFLA: <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>
(Also links to Facebook & Twitter)

CNFE: <http://www.cnfe.eu>

Mayors for Peace globally and in Europe:

<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>

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KIMO: <http://www.kimointernational.org>

ICAN: <http://www.icanw.org>

ICAN UK: <http://www.ican-uk.org>

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**The NFLA Secretariat
wishes all members' and
supporters' a happy
'banniversary'**

**Photo of the UN C/o Seth
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Minister refuses NFLA call for halt at Hinkley Point C

Although Energy allowed to be built or to NFLA Chair Cllr David
Minister Greg Hands MP operate', the UK Government Blackburn, who in
stated that 'nuclear has no plans to call an December asked for a halt
safety is a top priority indefinite halt to operations to construction works
for this government' at Hinkley Point C whilst it was determined
and that 'if a nuclear accident at Taishan-1 is whether the EPR reactor
installation was properly investigated. design, common to
unsafe..it would not be The Minister was responding Taishan and Hinkley was
'fatally flawed'.

NFLA responds to NDA consultation – more green power and jobs needed

The Chair of the NFLA complete, at a current cost to unemployed
Steering Committee has UK taxpayers of almost £3 -More attention to site
responded to a recent billion per year. security given the
consultation by the increasing terrorist
Nuclear Decommissioning and cyber threats
Authority on its latest posed to nuclear
Business Plan for 2022-25. infrastructure
In our response, the NFLA -An end to
called for: reprocessing, ocean
-Dedesignated nuclear sites to discharges and the
be used for 'truly green' reuse of plutonium.
renewable energy generation The NFLA also
-More support for host demanded the UK's
communities so plant plutonium stockpile be
employees and local placed 'out of use.'
businesses are first offered
work on decommissioning,
rather than being made

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NFLA media releases,**Jan 2022:****(On NFLA website)**

- Nuclear Tax a poisoned chalice (7 Jan)
- EDF case for AGRs 'cracking up' (12 Jan)
- 'Nae need' for nuclear in Scotland (12 Jan)
- Energy Island does not need nuclear (17 Jan)
- Minister: No shutdown of Hinkley C (17 Jan)
- Nuclear is not green – taxonomy (19 Jan)
- Stranded in Vladivostok (21 Jan)
- Mayors for Peace / NFLA celebrate TPNW 'banniversary' (21 Jan)

NFLA Briefings, Jan 2022**(on NFLA website)**

- **NFLA Briefing 224**
Stranded in Vladivostok: KIMO International and NFLA express concern at mysterious plight of Russian nuclear powered freighter (21 Jan)

UK nuclear 'entente' with foreign partners not so 'cordiale'

In January, the UK Government enacted new legislation, the National Security and Investment Act, to enable overseas investment in British infrastructure projects to be blocked.

This represents a big setback to Sizewell C where Chinese

investment represents 20%, but an even bigger one at Bradwell which is a Chinese led project based on a Chinese reactor design.

Meanwhile things are not going so great for French owned EDF Energy which has just reported that it is 41 billion Euros in debt and

likely to suffer a 7.7 billion Euro hit to profits because of the French Government's decision to cap domestic energy charges. To top it off, many French EDF reactors are closed for repairs and upgrades, and new projects are being delivered late and well over cost.

Get out the violins!

Nuclear tax a 'poisoned chalice' for UK electricity customers

Despite many UK customers facing a massive hike in electricity and gas bills in April, when the lockdown price cap is lifted, the British Government has persisted in taking the Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill through its Third Reading in the House of Commons.

The Bill now needs to transit the final legislative hurdle of the Lords, before becoming law.

The Bill will require all UK customers to pay a surcharge on their energy bills to subsidise the costs associated with new nuclear projects. This will include compensating operators for cost overruns

and delays and meeting the abortive costs of abandoned projects.

Whilst this represents good news for beleaguered EDF Energy, it is not for Britain's customers, many of whom face fuel poverty. The NFLA has labelled the unwanted Nuclear Tax a 'poisoned chalice'.

NFLA backs European partners in taxonomy dispute

The NFLA has co-sponsored a letter with our partners in Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe sent to the EU Commission President calling for a change of heart over recent proposals to class

nuclear and gas as 'green energy'.

The 'taxonomy' proposals would, if adopted, allow nuclear operators to access EU structural funds and enjoy more favourable

tax treatment.

Instead the NFLA and CNFE want the EU Commission President to reverse the plan in favour of greater investment in renewables, echoing calls from EU nations such as Germany and Austria.

Forthcoming dates or meetings of interest to NFLA members

Labrats Webinar and In-Person Conference, supported by M4P, about British nuclear test veterans
Sat 19 February, 9.30am – 5pm.

'The 70-year old Hurricane: Time to End the Storm'.

Speakers include the M4P Chapter Secretary.

More details are available here:

<https://www.labrats.international/2022seminar>

Cymru CND Webinar 40th Anniversary of the Nuclear Free Wales Declaration
Wed 23 February

Speakers include the NFLA Welsh Forum Chair.

Details of how to register to follow.

Joint Webinar, CND-NFLA-Nukewatch on nuclear transport
Thurs 3 March 6.30-7.30pm.

'Nuclear convoys: did you know that nuclear warheads could be driving through your town?'

Speakers include the NFLA Steering Committee Chair.

The link to register is here:

<https://cnduk.org/events/nuclear-convoys-did-you-know-that-nuclear-warheads-could-be-driving-through-your-town/>

Come celebrate 40 years of nuclear free Wales

On Feb 23, Wales marks the 40th anniversary of the All Wales Nuclear Free Declaration of 1982, made after Clwyd followed the other 7 county councils of Gwynedd, Powys, Dyfed, West, Mid- and South Glamorgan and Gwent in passing 'nuclear free' resolutions. Cymru CND is celebrating the achievement with a touring exhibition, with venues selected in each of the old counties. Pride of place will be given to the original Nuclear Free Wales Banner which has now been returned to Wales from The Peace Museum in Bradford. The banner will be

accompanied with information panels showing the historic events of forty years ago, together with stories from activists.

Details about how to register for the online launch event on 23 Feb and the tour dates will be available on the NFLA website when available.

1st 'Banniversary' represents start of year of action on nukes

Members of the UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter and NFLA had cause to celebrate the first 'banniversary' of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on 22 Jan. to sign the Treaty. Manchester Councillor Eddy Newman, speaking for the Chapter, said:

"Despite public opinion favouring nuclear disarmament, the UK continues to refuse to honour their solemn promise made over 50 years ago as a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty to disarm."

As members of ICAN, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, they helped work to ensure the Treaty Ban entered into force in 2021.

Both bodies are now looking to build on their membership in 2022 and vowed to continue the fight to put pressure on the UK Government

Treaty. This will be a priority for us over the coming year. We would like to see many more Councils do so in 2022."

In other news, the First Meeting of the States Parties to the Ban Treaty in Vienna has now been postponed to the summer. It is hoped that here the European Chapter of Mayors for Peace will meet and that an Executive Conference can be held.

There are also plans to hold a virtual and in-person Mayors for Peace General Conference in Hiroshima in August to mark the 40th anniversary of its founding.