



‘Cher30byl and Fuku5hima – Beyond Nuclear’
Towards a safe, secure and affordable nuclear free future

A series of four distinct events, in Manchester and London, to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster and the 5th anniversary of the Fukushima disaster. The conference will look at the ongoing effects of these incidents, potential moves away from nuclear power and effective ways to develop renewable, community and decentralised energy solutions.

London, 17th March 2016 and Manchester, 18th - 20th March 2016

2016 is an important year in commemorating notable anniversaries for the worst and ongoing nuclear disasters in the history of nuclear power – the 5th anniversary of the Fukushima reactors meltdown in Japan on March 11th 2011 and the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster on April 26th 1986.

Around the world these two events will be commemorated and a number of international events are being planned. Here in the UK, a number of groups have come together to develop four distinct events over the weekend of March 17th – 20th to consider the ongoing impact of the two disasters, its relevance to the UK and Europe and the need to actively pursue renewable energy alternatives for a sustainable, risk-free, nuclear-free energy future.

The events follow directly on from the NFLA / NCG Parliamentary seminar supported by Green Cross Switzerland taking place on the 28th January. This includes the former Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan, Dr Tetsunari Iida, Dr Paul Dorfman and Ms Yoshida Aoki (http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/docs/events/NFLA_NCG_GC_Parl_flyer-280116.pdf.)

Synopsis of weekend:

Thursday 17th March - Parliamentary event organised by JAN UK, London Region CND and Kick Nuclear.

Friday 18th March – NFLA Special Seminar in Manchester Town Hall organised by the UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities Secretariat.

Saturday 19th March – BEYOND NUCLEAR Conference in Mechanics Institute Conference Centre, Manchester organised by a special steering group.

Sunday 20th March – A campaigners day event organised by Greater Manchester District CND, SERA, Chernobyl Children’s Project and Kick Nuclear.



FULL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

Thursday 17th March, House of Commons Committee Room, 7pm – 9pm

Public meeting for the 5th anniversary of Fukushima organised by JAN, London Region CND and Kick Nuclear

Speakers include:

- Molly Scott-Cato MEP (invited)
- Ms Yaho Hitomi, Chikyumura / Village Earth Fukushima NGO
- Dr Ian Fairlie, independent consultant on radioactivity in the environment
- Dr Tim Mousseau, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina
- Dr David Lowry, independent nuclear policy consultant
- Dr Dominic Kelly, Warwick University (invited)

To register for this event please email David Polden at London Region CND - david.lrcnd@cnduk.org.

If you require any further details of the event please email Kaori Mikata-Pralat of JAN (Japanese citizens Against Nuclear) UK – kmikata@aol.com.

Friday 18th March 2015, 1pm – 3.30pm, Room 301, Level 3, Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA.

**Nuclear Free Local Authorities Special Seminar
*Chernobyl & Fukushima – long-term impacts and a different energy future***

This event is specifically targeted at councillors, council officers, MPs and MEPs and is organised by the UK and Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA).

- Chernobyl & Fukushima: differences and similarities - Dr Tim Mousseau, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina
- The long-term impact of Chernobyl on Europe – Angelika Claussen, International Chernobyl Network / IPPNW
- The continuing nuclear disaster in Fukushima - Dr Ian Fairlie, independent consultant on radioactivity in the environment
- The humanitarian impact of the Fukushima disaster in Japan – Yayoi Hitomi, Chikyumura / Village Earth Fukushima NGO
- The moves towards non-nuclear solutions around Europe – Reinhard Uhrig, Global 2000

To register for this seminar please email Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary – s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk

Please note this seminar is open for councillors, council officers, MP and MEPs. If NGO representatives would like to attend they should contact Sean Morris on 0161 234 3244 to check on room capacity and availability.



BEYOND NUCLEAR CONFERENCE

Saturday 19th March 2015, 9.30am – 4.45pm, Mechanics Institute Conference Centre, 103, Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6DD.

Understanding the impacts of Chernobyl and Fukushima and developing renewable energy alternatives in the battle against climate change

- 9.30am Registration
- 10.10am Welcome – Councillor Kate Chappell, Executive Member for the Environment, Manchester City Council
- 10.15am Keynote addresses: The UK and European debates on nuclear – Peer de Rijk, Director, WISE International, Amsterdam office and a prominent UK speaker to be confirmed
- 10.45am Q & A
- 11.00am Refreshment break
- 11.30am Session 1 – The impact of the Chernobyl and Fukushima disasters on health and the environment
Chair - Dr Helen Wallace, Gene Watch
- Dr Ian Fairlie, independent consultant on radioactivity in the environment – Chernobyl and Fukushima, a comparison
 - Dr Keith Baverstock, Department of Environment Science, University of Eastern Finland and former Head of WHO Radiation Protection Programme for Europe – What underpins the health effects of radiation at low doses?
 - Dr Tim Mousseau, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina – Do Nuclear Accidents Generate a “Garden of Eden” for Wildlife? Lessons from the Chernobyl and Fukushima Disasters
- 1.00pm Panel discussion
- 1.20pm Lunch
- 2.15pm Session 2 – Can renewables step up to the mark in the UK? What can be learnt from the German and Austrian ‘Energiewende’ experience?
Chair – Julie Ward MEP for NW England
- Prof Keith Barnham, Emeritus Professor, Imperial College – developing a low carbon, non nuclear energy revolution
 - Reinhard Uhrig, Global 2000 – the Austrian energy debate and why it has embraced renewables
 - Angelika Claussen – Germany’s Energiewende and how it is delivering a renewable revolution
- 3.45pm Panel discussion, leading to closing comments from the conference rapporteur– Dr Jill Sutcliffe, LLRHC

This conference has been organised by the Low Level Radiation and Health Conference, NFLA, SERA, GM CND, Chernobyl Children’s Project and Kick Nuclear. It has received financial support from the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Ltd, Lush Charitable Trust and WISE International.



CAMPAIGNERS DAY:

Sunday 20th March, Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Manchester, M4 7HR
A campaign against new nuclear power – what needs to be done by activist groups?

This event is principally aimed at all activist groups, student groups and actively engaged people and all those who are interested in challenging the need for new nuclear build and advocating the benefits of decentralised renewable energy. It has been organised by GM CND, SERA, Kick Nuclear and the International Chernobyl Network.

- 9.30am Registration and coffee
- 10.00am Welcome by Jacqui Burke, Greater Manchester CND
- 10.05am Introductions and explanation of the day

Plenary session – the campaigns in Austria, Germany and France:

- 10.15am Reinhard Uhrig, Head of Campaigns and Nuclear Campaigner at Global 2000 / Friends of the Earth, Austria
- 10.25am Angelika Claussen, Nuclear Phase-out spokesperson, IPPNW Germany
- 10.40am Andre Lariviere, member of 'Sortir du Nucleaire', France
- 11.00am Q&A / discussion
- 11.20am Tea / coffee break
- 11.40am First Workshop Sessions, choose from:
 - 1) Opposing New Build in England and Wales
 - 2) Getting the anti-nuclear message across - to the media, to young people and to MPs and MEPs
 - 3) Tackling Nuclear Waste and Transport concerns
 - 4) Linking with other environmental campaigns - fracking groups, climate camps, green campaigners
 - 5) Promoting the alternatives - local, sustainable initiatives
- 12.45pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Pete Roche, Microgeneration Scotland and Coordinator of the website No2nuclearpower.org.uk – overview of anti-nuclear initiatives in the UK
- 1.50pm Second Workshop Sessions - choose one as noted above.
- 3.00pm Tea / coffee break
- 3.20pm Final plenary – taking the campaign forward.
- 4.00pm Finish

The campaigners day has received financial support from the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Ltd and Lush Charitable Trust.





There will be a £15 charge waged / £10 unwaged (for admin and catering purposes) for the Saturday conference and a £10 charge for the Sunday campaigners day to cover conference costs and catering. Payment should be made on the day.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and post, email or fax to the address at the bottom of this form (please indicate if you are attending both the Saturday and Sunday events or just one of the two days):

Name	Group (if applicable)	Attend Sat & Sun or just one day (please indicate)	Email address

Venue and details of accommodation:

For a map and transport details to get to the Mechanics Institute go to the following webpage: <http://www.mechanicsinstitute.co.uk> and access the 'How to find us' page.

For a map and transport details to get to Bridge 5 Mill go to the following webpage: <http://www.merci.org.uk/drupal/visiting>

The Visit Manchester website has a list of affordable hotels – <http://visitmanchester.com/stay>

Some limited spaces of accommodation can be made available through the 'Servas' scheme – please indicate if you wish to take up this option with the organisers when you email, post or fax through your registration form.

Please return this form to:

Jacqui Burke, Greater Manchester & District CND, **Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Manchester, M4 7HR.** Email: gmdcnd@gn.apc.org Telephone: 0161 273 8283

These events have been organised by a Steering Group including NFLA, Low Level Health and Radiation Conference, CND, SERA, Chernobyl Children's Project and Kick Nuclear.

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