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The German energy transition and future UK energy policy

11 September 2017

The German Energy Transition and Future UK Energy Policy and Press Conference

11 September 2017, 14.00-15.00 hrs
Standing Committee Room, CR10

Sponsored by: UCL Energy Institute, University College London; Green Cross Switzerland; UK Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group (PRASEG); Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA); and Nuclear Consulting Group (NCG).

Why? Energy is key to UK industrial and domestic economy and climate change. But our low-carbon transition is bumpy. Nuclear costs are ramping, and support for renewables and energy efficiency are being cut back. Meanwhile, leading international investment bank, Morgan Stanley, say renewables will be the cheapest source of power in the world in less than three years. And Germany, the strongest economy in Europe, has just broken green energy records by generating 35% of power from renewables in first half of 2017. So is it time for a new Energy Plan A?

Who?

- Matthias Buek, Head of EU Energy Policy, Agora Energiewende.
- Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Minister, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Energy and Climate Change.
- Caroline Lucas MP, Co-Leader of the Green Party; Member of the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee.
- Prof Steve Thomas, Professor of Energy Policy, University of Greenwich.


Background briefings

- Duncan Bayliss and Dr Paul Dorfman (docx)
- Prof Keith Barnham (pdf)
- Prof Steve Thomas (pptx)
- Matthias Buck (pptx)
UK energy policy: late lessons from Chernobyl, early warnings from Fukushima

28 January 2016

Special Parliamentary seminar co-organised by Nuclear Free Local Authorities, Nuclear Consulting Group & Green Cross International

Thursday 28th January 2016, Jubilee Room, Portcullis House, Westminster, Bridge St, London, SW1A 2LW, 12.30pm – 3.00pm

UK Energy Policy: Late Lessons from Chernobyl, Early Warnings from Fukushima

Programme speakers include:

Mikhail Gorbachev
Former President of the Soviet Union at the time of Chernobyl and founder of Green Cross (Invited)

Naoto Kan
Former Prime Minister of Japan at the time of Fukushima

Dr Paul Dorfman
The Energy Institute UCL and Founder of Nuclear Consulting Group

Tetsunari Iida
Director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies in Japan

Yoshiko Aoki
Manageress of Fukushima evacuees community centre
Fukushima: Lessons learned for UK new nuclear build

14 June 2011

Nuclear Consulting Group (NCG) Keynote Seminar

Fukushima: ‘Lessons Learned’ for UK New Nuclear Build

Date: 14 June 2011 • Time: 2.00 - 3.30 • Place: House of Commons, Committee Room 8

Sponsored by: Caroline Lucas MP (Green); Andrew George MP (Lib Dem); Paul Flynn MP (Lab); Angus MacNeil MP (SNP); Mark Durkan MP (SDLP)

Chair: Jonathan Porritt (Founder, Forum for the Future)
Introduction: Caroline Lucas MP (Green Leader)

Speakers:

John Large (International Nuclear Consulting Engineer, Large & Associates)

Prof Tom Burke (Founding Director of E3G, Chairman of the Editorial Board of ENDS, Visiting Professor at Imperial and University Colleges)

Andrew Warren (Director Association for the Conservation of Energy, Chair of the British Energy Efficiency Federation, Member of the European Climate Change Programme Working Group)

Prof Steve Thomas (Professor of Energy Policy, Public Services International Research Unit, University of Greenwich)

Dr Paul Dorfman (Senior Researcher University of Warwick, NCG Facilitator, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Nuclear Policy Research Fellow)

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Nuclear Communities: listen and be heard

Colston Hall Bristol 9 November 2011

Nuclear Communities: listen and be heard

Hall 2, Colston Hall,
Colston Street, Bristol, BS1 5AR
6.30–8.30pm, Wednesday 9 November 2011

Why: New nuclear reactors are being planned near Bristol. Get involved. The speakers are high-level opponents, supporters and regulators of proposed new nuclear.

Who will be there: People from Bristol, people living near proposed new-build, MPs, local councillors, local authorities, environmental groups, academics, experts, Nuclear and environmental regulators, nuclear industry, government departments, academics, students, media and press.

What will happen: This is an open and free public meeting – all are welcome.

Chair: Damian Carrington, Head of Environment, The Guardian

Speakers:

Dr Andy Hall, Deputy Chief Inspector, Office for Nuclear Regulation.

Dr Doug Parr, Chief Scientist Greenpeace UK.

Dr Nigel Kroe, Head of Nuclear Policy, Nuclear New Build, EDF Energy

Prof Steve Thomas, Professor of Energy Policy, Greenwich University.

Peter McMahon, Deputy Head of New Nuclear, Department of Energy and Climate Change.

Dr Paul Dorfman, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Nuclear Policy Research Fellow.

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The Cost of New Nuclear Reactors in UK

October 19th 2009

The Nuclear Consultation Group
Westminster Keynote Seminar

‘The Cost of New Nuclear Reactors in UK’

October 19th 2009, Portcullis House, Wilson Room, 3 - 5 pm

Agenda

Welcome
Dr Paul Dorfman - University of Warwick, former Secretary to Committee Examining Radiation Risk from Internal emitters (CERRIE)

Introduction
Simon Hughes MP - Liberal Democrat Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change
Michael Meacher MP – former Minister of State for the Environment

Chair
Prof Tom Bucak - Imperial and University Colleges, Founding Director of E3G, Chairman of the Editorial Board of ENDS

The Economics of New Nuclear Build
Prof Gordon MacKerron - Director Science and Technology Policy Research (SPRU) Sussex Uni, Chair of the first Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM)

Sling New Nuclear Reactors
Prof Gordon Walker - Chair of Environment Risk and Social Justice, Lancaster Uni

Accidents, Incidents and the New Reactor Designs
Dr John Large - Large Associates

Nuclear Waste – New Dumps for Spent Fuel
Prof Andrew Blowers OBE - Open University, Member of first Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM)

High Burn-up Fuel
Hugh Richards – WANA

Renewables and Energy Efficiency
Prof David Elliot - Co-director of the Energy and Environment Research Unit, Open University

Summary and Next Steps
Prof Andy Stirling - Director of Science for Science and Technology Policy Research (SPRU), Co-director Centre on Social, Technological and Environmental Pathways to Sustainability (CSTEPS), Sussex Uni