

campaign to try to inform UK sports bodies, athletes and people going to the Games of the potential dangers they will face.

We will initially write to the UK Olympic Committee (and/or the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Olympic Committees) and the individual UK sporting bodies representing sportspeople who are taking part in the Olympics.

The second strand would be to approach companies sponsoring the Games to suggest that being associated with the Radioactive Games might be toxic to the image of their company. Interestingly, McDonalds, after 41 years of sponsoring the Olympics, have decided not to sponsor the Japanese Games. They haven't made clear why they are pulling out; they merely talk about wanting to "focus on different priorities", but the suspicion remains that the withdrawal has something to do with the Fukushima radiation factor.

We also intend to produce a leaflet for distribution at our "Radioactive Olympics" demos.

Other ideas were to: video such demos and put them up on U-tube; use glowing things in our campaigning, such as glowing circles interlinked to form the Olympic symbol.

And in the final run-up to the Olympics we should aim to leaflet people checking-in on Japanese airways flights. a group of anti-nuclear organisations in Germany, Switzerland, France and Japan will launch an international information campaign entitled "Tokyo 2020 - The Radioactive Olympics". The campaign will focus on the ongoing radioactive contamination of parts of Japan due to the nuclear catastrophe of Fukushima, which began eight years ago. [read](#)

Letter to National Olympic Committees

Become active and write to your National Olympic Committee

The letter [you are invited to "read" below] describes the thoughts behind our campaign and ends with an offer to enter a constructive dialogue and inform the athletes about the situation in Fukushima and ongoing health risks from radioactive contamination. Similar letters have been sent out to the International Olympic Committee and the German National Olympic Committee. We would welcome it, if you want to take this letter, adapt it to your needs, perhaps translate it and send it to your own National Olympic Committee. [read](#)

Flyer "Tokyo 2020 The Radioactive Olympics"

We designed a flyer for the "Tokyo 2020 The Radioactive Olympics" campaign. You can print and distribute this flyer in a printable pdf format. Or simply spread it electronically:

We had discovered that the German affiliates of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) had already launched a similar campaign.

Below is their statement about their campaign:

'Tokyo 2020 - The Radioactive Olympics

In 2020, Japan is inviting athletes from around the world to take part in the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. We are hoping for the games to be fair and peaceful. At the same time, we are worried about plans to host baseball and softball competitions in Fukushima City, just 50 km away from the ruins of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. It was here, in 2011, that multiple nuclear meltdowns took place, spreading radioactivity across Japan and the Pacific Ocean – a catastrophe comparable only to the nuclear meltdown of Chernobyl.

If you are interested, please contact us at olympia2020@ippnw.de [read](#)

Press Release IPPNW Germany March 25 2019

"Tokyo 2020 - The Radioactive Olympics"

International campaign launched by physicians

Tomorrow in one year, on March 26 2020, the Olympic torch relay will start in the radioactively contaminated Fukushima Prefecture. This is why tomorrow,

Flyer "Tokyo 2020 The Radioactive Olympics" (PDF)

This is of course immensely helpful to our campaign in this country. We have already adopted the IPPNW's coining of the description "The Radioactive Olympics".

It also provides drafts we might adapt of a press release, a letter to national Olympic Committees and of a leaflet.

HUNTERSTON B SHUTDOWN CONTINUES

The two reactors, reactor 3 and reactor 4 making up Hunterston B nuclear power station in Scotland have both been closed down, reactor 3 since March 2018 and reactor 4 since October 2018 "for inspections" because of new "keyway root cracks" discovered in the graphite bricks that make up the cores of the reactors. Since then the planned re-opening dates have continued to be postponed. In March after EDF said the cracks in reactor 3 had grown to an average of 2mm wide. About 370 hairline cracks have been discovered in the reactor, which means there is a fracture in roughly one in 10 bricks in the reactor core. Under current rules, operations must stop if the number of cracks exceeds 350. Nevertheless EDF merely postponed the opening of reactor 3 by two further months, to 30th June, and reactor 4, where fewer cracks have been

discovered to 30th April.

However, on 20th May, in a letter to stakeholders, The EDF Hunterston “Station Director” announced further postponements, writing:

“As I explained in my letter of 18 March, following the core inspections and extensive modelling, the safety case providing the justification for return to service of Reactor 4 has been provided to ONR [The Office for Nuclear Regulation] for their assessment. The ONR will, completely independently, review the case before deciding whether or not to approve for return to service. It is not possible for us to confirm with certainty how long this process will take; our top priority is that it’s completed with appropriate rigour.

Energy market rules require us to provide our most likely view of return to service dates.

To support time for the ONR assessment, we have declared 24 June 2019 for Reactor 4, a slight adjustment to the previously declared date of 30 May.

We have also declared 31 July for Reactor 3, an adjustment from the previous date of 30 June. The safety case for Reactor 3 is still to be submitted to ONR.

The power station is one of seven in the UK using advanced gas-cooled (AGR) reactors switched on during the 1970s and 80s; there are 14 such reactors across the seven plants, several of which have seen their lifetimes extended into the 2020s.

Hunterston B is the oldest operating nuclear station in the UK, along with Hinkley B, both starting operation in 1976 and having had their planned closure dates postponed from an original date of 2011 to 2023.



The two Hunterston B reactors.

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REGULAR FRIDAY SOLIDARITY VIGILS

Every Friday (since August 2012): leafletting outside the Japanese Embassy, 101-104 Piccadilly (Green Park tube) from 10am-12.30pm; and then outside Tokyo Electric Power Co. offices, 14-18 Holborn (Chancery Lane tube) from 1-1.30pm. Held in solidarity with the anti-nuclear movement in Japan. Organised by: *Kick Nuclear* and *Japanese Against Nuclear UK* (JAN UK)

NEXT JOINT KN/NTAG PLANNING MEETINGS

Thursday June 20th, 7pm, at CND Office (Address above.)

NEXT STALL AND LEAFLETING SESSION

Saturday June 29th, [note change of date], 11am-1pm, near Brixton tube exit. Anti-nuclear power information and leafletting. Trains carrying highly-radioactive spent nuclear fuel rods pass over Brixton High Street very near the exit from the tube. Help welcome.

OTHER ACTION

Sept. 4th, 8.15-9.15am? Anti-nuclear leafletting outside annual World Nuclear Symposium at Park Plaza, opposite south end of Westminster Bridge.

STOP THE “RADIOACTIVE OLYMPICS”

In the April edition of this newsletter we published, in part, an interview with Dr. Helen Caldicott on the continuing dangers from radiation contamination in the Fukushima area and more widely in Japan caused by the ongoing Fukushima disaster and the dangers this represented for athletes and spectators going to the 2020 Olympic in Japan, especially to the two sports taking place in the Fukushima area. At our May group meeting we agreed to run a