



DDE Newsletter No. 92

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Tenant farmers could be hit by new rewilding incentives, union warns. National Farmers Union official says it could become 'attractive' for landowners 'to take land back'. [Read more ...](#)

World's poorest bear brunt of climate crisis: 10 underreported emergencies. Care International report highlights 'deep injustice' neglected by world's media, as extreme weather along with Covid wipes out decades of progress. [Read more ...](#)

Battery breakthrough quintuples electric vehicle range. Bio-inspired membrane finally allows next-generation lithium-sulfur batteries to reach full potential. [Read more ...](#)

UK government sued over 'pie-in-the-sky' net-zero climate strategy. ClientEarth and Friends of the Earth say strategy fails to include policies needed to ensure emissions cuts. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

From gas pipelines to Bitcoin mines: why Kazakhstan upheaval could have global implications. Energy markets, the nuclear power sector and the steel industry will be among those closely watching events in the country. [Read more ...](#)

Ethiopia: Tigray on brink of humanitarian disaster, UN says. Supplies for more than 5 million people in need of food are running out, says World Food Programme. [Read more ...](#)

Term starts in Uganda – but world's longest shutdown has left schools in crisis. Pre-Covid the country battled poor learning outcomes, now experts fear fee rises and school closures will see many more children miss out. [Read more ...](#)

Windrush descendants lose high court fight to expand scheme. Court rejects case brought by four people who arrived in UK as adults to join family members. [Read more ...](#)

GEMS, global ethnic majority, in art - just a few examples of black people being depicted in art. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Quay Words announces Dr Ellen Wiles will be its Spring writer-in-residence. Ellen will host a conversation with scientists on Climate Science and Creativity as the April Quay Words monthly event. [Read more ...](#)

British Lithium extracts lithium from granite in Cornwall. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

A University of Liverpool report into the impact of COVID-19 related bereavement – backed by the Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice group. [Read ...](#)

'Learn Lessons, Save Lives' report from the Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice group. [Read ...](#)

Use of 'VIP lane' to award Covid PPE contracts unlawful, high court rules. Government's use of system to award deals to two firms during first Covid wave found to be unlawful. [Read more ...](#)

Afghanistan: 'Terrified' British Council teachers still in hiding. Afghans who were employed to spread British values and teach English in Helmand province have told the BBC they are still in hiding from the Taliban and remain "terrified of reprisals". [Read more ...](#)

Afghanistan resettlement: Anger as relatives of British nationals already in UK to be included in scheme. Concern that vulnerable people promised sanctuary under scheme have been left at 'back of the queue'. [Read more ...](#)

Sidney Poitier: a natural film star who quietly pioneered a revolution. Poitier, who has died aged 94, came to fame via a trio of movie roles defined by race and racial difference. [Read more ...](#)

Sidney Poitier's defiance, grace and style changed me – and shaped my life as an actor. His roles in films like *To Sir with Love* mirrored my own experiences, and made me rethink what was possible.

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Anna & Dr Helmy by Ronen Steinke review – the Schindler of the surgery room. This meticulous account of the Arab doctor who sheltered a Jewish girl in 1930s Berlin is a remarkable story of subterfuge and courage. [Read more ...](#)

Bambi: cute, lovable, vulnerable ... or a dark parable of antisemitic terror? A new translation of Felix Salten's 1923 novel reasserts its original message that warns of Jewish persecution. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 15th January 7pm to 9pm *Remembering Lord Woodbine* – presentation by the Windrush Foundation. [Details ...](#)

Friday 21st January 5pm to 6pm. *Languages in a Global World 2022* – Author Richard Lyntton in conversation. <https://richardlynttonbooks.com/> [Details ...](#)

Wednesday, January 26 12:00pm to 1:15pm ET *"Cut Cane No Longer": Enslavement and Black Struggle in Rural Trinidad, 1763-1834* – organised by Yale University. [Details ...](#)

Tuesday 1st February 6:30pm to 7:30pm *Mapping the Holocaust* – lecture by Prof Tim Cole. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

Change.org: Petition the International Maritime Organization to Stop Plastic Pellet Pollution at Sea. Plastic pellet pollution continues to cause overwhelming economic, social and environmental impacts, and a legacy of toxic pollution that will continue to have profound and enduring impacts for many generations to come. [Petition ...](#)

War on Want: Free Palestinian political prisoners! Israel's practice of administrative detention allows them to imprison Palestinians indefinitely. [Details ...](#)

Change.org: Lewin Williams, a 74-year-old cancer patient, faces death "within a year" if returned to Jamaica. [Petition ...](#)

Change.org: A Rotherhithe student who received royal recognition for his work in the community during the pandemic faces losing his right to live in the UK within days following a series of administrative errors by the Home Office. [Petition ...](#)

Global Justice Now: Defend the right to protest. The government's new Policing Bill is a brazen assault on the right to protest. On Monday the House of Lords has an opportunity to call out this brazen assault on our most basic freedom to stand up for what we believe in. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

CND: "WE AFFIRM that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought." So say the leaders of the world's largest nuclear weapons states in their recent joint statement, issued at the start of the year. [Read more ...](#) [Full statement ...](#)

Labour Party: Yvette Cooper comments on opening of Afghanistan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. [Read more ...](#)

Parliamentary debate on humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan : [Watch from 13:38:20 ...](#)

Websites...

Welcome to Historycal Roots ... bringing history to life by introducing real historical figures into an imagined setting, combining real history with imaginative story telling ... raising awareness of the black and mixed heritage people who have played a part in shaping the way society looks today but whose role has been overlooked or not given the credit they are due. <https://www.historycalroots.com/>

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Future17 – Sustainable Development Goals Challenge Program - a multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary global challenges education program for students, focused on developing 21st century skills and tackling the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)) <https://www.gs.com/portfolio-items/future17/>