



DDE Newsletter No. 54

Articles ...

Boris Johnson under fire for condemning ICC war crime probe in West Bank and Gaza. Twelve NGOs have labelled PM's criticism of ICC probe into crimes committed by both Israelis and Palestinians as 'political interference'. [Read more ...](#)

Indigenous leaders want big oil out of Kavango Basin. ReconAfrica believes the Kavango Basin in Namibia and Botswana could generate billions of barrels of oil, but environmentalists and Indigenous leaders want the area to remain untouched. [Read more ...](#)

How the fight for natural black hair became a civil rights issue. More states are beginning to protect black Americans from discrimination based on their hair type. It's long overdue. [Read more ...](#)

'Bad apples have been exposed': can a fairer fashion industry emerge from crisis? Sustainable fashion campaigners reflect on the past year in fashion to mark Earth Day. [Read more ...](#)

World at Lunch ...

Tech giants are happy to do Modi's bidding in return for access to the Indian market. [Read more ...](#)

'Worst version of Groundhog Day ever': Two Distant Strangers, the Oscars short inspired by George Floyd. Travon Free and Martin Desmond Roe's film about police violence has been criticised as 'trauma porn', but the directors say its tough imagery is essential. [Read more ...](#)

UK failure to commemorate black and Asian war dead known 'for years'. Commonwealth commission apologises after report shows thousands of first world war deaths not properly marked. [Read more ...](#)

China's births may fall below 10 million annually next five years. [Read more ...](#)

Future-proofing coffee in a warming world. Scientists say a "forgotten" coffee plant that can grow in warmer conditions could help future-proof the drink against climate change. [Read more ...](#)

National Grid launches smart lightbulb that glows green when powered by renewable energy. The Green Light Signal, which costs around £25, emits a green light when the carbon intensity of the UK's grid is very low, such as on windy or sunny days. [Read more ...](#)

Websites...

19th to 25th April is Fashion Revolution Week - come together as a global community to create a better fashion industry

<https://www.fashionrevolution.org/>

Local news ...

Devon and Cornwall Police are recruiting for Special Constables. Applications from ethnic and other diverse backgrounds are encouraged, regardless of citizenship, as long as you have no restrictions on your stay in the UK. [Read more ...](#)

On Wednesday 28th April at 7pm, Devon *Save Our Hospital Services* are meeting to discuss the government's latest plans for an Integrated Care Service. You can join the meeting [using this link](#)

Videos and podcasts ...

What if the Incas had colonised Europe? – Start the Week (Radio 4). [Listen ...](#)

23rd April anniversary of the events in Southall in 1979 that were later to be called 'the Southall riots'.

[Watch ...](#)

Clarence Baker speaks of his experiences on that day. [Watch ...](#)

Things to do ...

Wednesday 28th April 7pm to 8pm *Nurses not Nukes: Why the government has its priorities wrong* – webinar organised by CND. [Details ...](#)

Saturday 15th May

Yann Martel will be interviewing Palestinian author Susan Abulhawa on her latest novel 'Against the loveless world.' [Details ...](#)

Saturday May 22nd 1pm to 4:15pm *Working for Peace in the Middle East* – online conference organised by CND. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

It has been announced that Shell is sponsoring a major new climate exhibition at the Science Museum. [Petition ...](#)

From the makers of Seaspiracy - protect 30% of our oceans by 2030 from industrial fishing. [Petition ...](#)

Suspend patents on Covid-19 vaccines. [Petition ...](#)

Turkish students Melike and Özgür were peacefully protesting the banning of Pride on their campus when police responded with excessive force. [Petition ...](#)

The New Plan for Immigration policy paper sets out the government's intentions to build a fair but firm asylum and illegal migration system. Consultation: [read more ...](#)

Amnesty UK response: [read more ...](#)