



# DDE Newsletter No. 69

## Articles ...

Ben & Jerry's to stop sales in occupied Palestinian territories. Vermont-based company says sales in the occupied lands were 'inconsistent with our values'. [Read me ...](#)

RNLI boss defends migrant rescues as humanitarian work. [Read more ...](#)

Aid cuts make a mockery of UK pledges on girls' education. The government's words at the global education summit are completely at odds with its behaviour. Whatever the event achieves will be despite its UK hosts, not because of them. [Read more ...](#)

Senegalese plant circular gardens in Green Wall defence. The project aims to create hundreds of specially designed circular gardens in a bid to boost food security. [Read more ...](#)

The repair shop trying to fix throwaway culture. The shutters have only just opened for the day, but already a queue is forming in the street outside a small shop in Glasgow's Govanhill. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigners hail historic Sierra Leone move to end death penalty. Lawmakers vote to abolish the death penalty more than 20 years after the country's last execution. [Read more ...](#)

## World at Lunch ...

Plans of four G20 states are threat to global climate pledge, warn scientists. 'Disastrous' energy policies of China, Russia, Brazil and Australia could stoke 5C rise in temperatures if adopted by the rest of the world. [Read more ...](#)

Outrage as Italy faces multimillion pound damages to UK oil firm. Secretive tribunals allow fossil fuel companies to sue governments for passing laws to protect environment. [Read more ...](#)

The UK's reputation management industry is destroying journalism. It must be stopped. Protecting media freedom and tackling corruption are intrinsically linked. The UK needs to address both to achieve either effectively. [Read more ...](#)

Big Issue founder's Future Generations Bill returns to the House of Lords. [Read more ...](#)

Deaf woman wins legal challenge against government over lack of sign language interpreters at Covid briefings. [Read more ...](#)

Zed Pod scheme will revolutionise social housing provision across Mid Devon. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 11am to 4pm** *Exeter Siege – Tudor Re-enactment Days* at St Nicholas Priory. [Details ...](#)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm** *Afghanistan: A War That Should Never Have Happened* organised by Stop the War Coalition. [Details ...](#)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 11am** Exeter Respect Festival at the Phoenix. [Read more ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

ISDS (Investment to State Dispute Settlement) is the fossil fuel industry's secret weapon. Corporate courts block climate action. In the year that the UK hosts the COP26 climate talks, the UK government must reject corporate courts. [Petition ...](#)

Update on proposal to the World Trade Organization (WTO) to suspend patent rules during the pandemic. [Read more ...](#)

Action to stop the senseless waste at Amazon warehouses revealed on ITV News. [Petition ...](#)

Withdraw mortgage tax relief from people with holiday lets to encourage owners to make them available for people who need homes. [Petition ...](#)

Scrap plans to sell off Channel 4 - which would damage its ability to make innovative programmes, support independent production companies, and invest in different regions of the UK. [Petition ...](#)

Do not remove legal protections for wildlife and plants in the UK which are classified as "vulnerable and near threatened". [Petition ...](#)

Dr Andy Ferguson, Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)'s Director of UK Programmes, gives an update on MAP's limb reconstruction mission to Gaza. [Watch ...](#)

### Book ...

*The Place for Me: Stories About the Windrush Generation* by Dame Floella Benjamin, E. L. Norry and Judy Hepburn. [Details ...](#)

*Sunflower Sisters* by Monika Singh Gangotra and illustrated by Michaela Dias-Hayes (a children's book) [Details ...](#)

*The Right Sort of Girl* by Anita Rani. [Details ...](#)

### Websites ...

Young Historians Project presents: A Hidden History: African Women and the British Health Service in the 20th Century <https://www.younghistoriansproject.org/launchprogramme>

*Windrush: What's Next?* Bringing together campaigners, people affected by the Windrush Scandal, race equality practitioners, cultural historians and lawyers. <https://www.bcaexhibits.org/exhibits/wvoices>