



# DDE Newsletter No. 135

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

A treaty to end the age of plastic. At the global plastics treaty talks, we, the people, need to speak louder than the plastic-addicted corporations. [Read more ...](#)

A mass extinction looms – and we have a 'once-in-a-decade chance' to fix it. One million species face being wiped off the Earth. December offers a golden opportunity to do something about it. [Read more ...](#)

Wasted methane gas 'a scandal'. The UK government is allowing the fossil fuel industry to waste large amounts of gas, according to a leading environmental think-tank. [Read more ...](#)

In Mongolia, climate crisis threatens herding traditions. The nomads who have travelled around Mongolia's Tsaikhir Valley for generations are struggling with intensifying drought. There has been no winter herd since 2018 because of the changes to the climate, and families are left to look after their horses alone. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

Hundreds of Indonesian fruit pickers in UK seek diplomatic help. More than 200 people have approached Indonesian embassy since July to report difficulties faced. [Read more ...](#)

Israel to deport Palestinian lawyer to France. A Palestinian-French human rights lawyer who Israel has stripped of his Jerusalem residency is at imminent risk of deportation, an Israeli group says. [Read more ...](#)

World AIDS Day 2022. Around the world, every week about 4,900 young women aged between 15 and 24 become infected with HIV. [Read more ...](#)

'She was not a woman to back down': the fearless Black campaigner who helped to scrap the UK's 'sus' law. Mavis Best, who died earlier this month, spent more than 50 years fighting racist policing and other discrimination. Despite her MBE, she never became part of the establishment. [Read more ...](#)

Census 2021: Ethnicity, national identity and religion in the UK and non-UK born population. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

*We Still Have a Chance* – Exeter University's international, collaborative storytelling for COP27.

[Read and listen ...](#)

Following the Global Tipping Points Conference in September 2022, the Green Futures Network organised a series of workshops to share, explore and test the positive tipping points framework. Resources, videos and further links ... [Explore ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Keir Starmer brands private school tax breaks 'trickle-down education' in PMQs clash. Sir Keir Starmer called for an end to the charitable status for private schools, as he launched a personal attack on the prime minister over his education policy. [Read more ...](#)

Zimbabwe faces power woes as low dam level halts hydroelectricity. The Kariba South Hydro Power Station provides Zimbabwe with about 70 percent of its electricity. [Read more ...](#)

Alzheimer's drug shows modest success slowing declines in memory, thinking. [Read more ...](#)

America's Christian majority is shrinking, and could dip below 50% by 2070. [Read more ...](#)

It can be hard to distinguish the cultural claims of right and left. Just look at Qatar. Universal human rights or cultural imperialism? Divide clouds the debate over World Cup hosts. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**24 Days of Print.** Funded by Arts Council England and Exeter City Council, Double Elephant Print Workshop will be taking printmaking outside the studio and to communities across the city in the lead up to Christmas. [Details ...](#)

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3pm to 6pm** International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-24: What Practical Gains Can We Make from The Last Two Years Of IDPAD? [Details ...](#)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm to 5:30pm** *What might we learn from the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act of 2022?* Mary Brennan discusses what food systems transformation is, why it is needed and how it can be achieved organised by Exeter Food Network. [Details ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

**Global Justice Now:** Defend access to medicines in the UK-India deal. A leaked draft chapter of the UK-India trade negotiations shows that the British government is pressuring India to adopt rules that would drive up medicines' prices. [Details ...](#)

**Coal Action Network:** Insurers are openly ruling out East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline, EACOP, in quick succession, including 4 of the world's biggest re(insurance) companies: Munich Re, Swiss Re, Hannover Re, and SCOR. But we need all insurance companies to rule out EACOP and stop the toxic pipeline at its source. [Details ...](#)

**Amnesty:** In Cameroon, Dorgelesse attended her first ever protest, but she was arrested and imprisoned for five years. Her family are struggling to survive without her. Call for her immediate release. [Petition ...](#)

**Avaaz:** Stop Beijing's Dirty Hands in the UK. Chinese diplomats in Manchester attacked peaceful pro-democracy protesters. [Petition ...](#)

**War on Want:** Put pressure the UK government to take action: demand that Israel ends its illegal practice of administrative detention. [Details ...](#)