



DDE Newsletter No. 123

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Ban on fracking to be lifted as part of Liz Truss's energy plan. [Read more ...](#)

Why fracking in UK will not fix fuel bills and is economically high risk. As Liz Truss lifts ban, experts say UK shale cannot be produced at scale and any gas produced would be sold to highest bidder. [Read more ...](#)

Switching the whole world to renewable energy could pay for itself in just six years, study says. Renewable energy infrastructure will cost trillions of dollars – but savings will recoup costs quickly. [Read more ...](#)

Earth barreling towards multiple 'irreversible' climate tipping points under current warming rate, study says. 'Risks can be reduced significantly by rapidly cutting greenhouse gas emissions, starting immediately'. [Read more ...](#)

Environment Agency told to protect wetlands in landmark court case. Victory for couple shows continuing role of European nature conservation laws in post-Brexit Britain. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

WarWilding: a new word to describe the startling effects of using nature as a weapon. From defensive flooding to buffer zones, using the natural world in conflict is as old as war itself – now academics have given it a name. [Read more ...](#)

'No rings, no guests': supreme court fears spur LGBTQ 'shotgun' weddings. When the supreme court overturned Roe v Wade, Clarence Thomas suggested they might revisit same-sex marriage. Some couples aren't waiting to find out. [Read more ...](#)

Home Office urges High Court to ignore UN refugee agency's warnings on Rwanda deal. [Read more ...](#)

'Tremendous blemish': No trial decades after Sept 11 attacks. Relatives of the nearly 3,000 victims of the 9/11 attacks have long hoped a trial would bring closure and perhaps resolve unanswered questions. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Greenpeace drops boulders off Cornwall to disrupt deep fishing. [Read more ...](#)

Walking in Exeter's beautiful green spaces is a great way to get active. [Read more ...](#)

History graduate helps create poignant film on 50th anniversary of Ugandan migration. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

The nation's poorest state used welfare money to pay Brett Favre for speeches he never made. The state auditor says \$70 million in federal welfare funds went to Favre, a volleyball complex and a former pro wrestler in a scandal that has rocked Mississippi. [Read more ...](#)

Afro-Colombians helped install a new government in Bogotá. Will it address their needs? Despite launching several initiatives, the Pacific coast region suffers from lack of basic services and is in the grips of violence. [Read more ...](#)

Civil rights icon Ruby Bridges says she doesn't fear 'backlash' with her new 'inspiring' children's book. The "I Am Ruby Bridges" picture book tells Bridges' story of being the first Black student integrated into an all-white public school in the South. [Read more ...](#)

Nine million people in a city 170km long; will the world ever be ready for a linear metropolis? Saudi Arabia has unveiled designs for a futuristic megastructure in the desert. But it is an idea that has preoccupied the imaginations of architects – and megalomaniacs – for generations. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

Episodes in the *We are England* series on BBC One:

"Am I English?" [Watch ...](#)

"My Hometown" [Watch ...](#)

"Uncovering My Roots" [Watch ...](#)

Things to do ...

Saturday 3rd September to Sunday 30th October 2022 Artist Ilya Fisher's *Unravelling* is coming to Exeter Cathedral. Unravelling is a series of art works looking at the climate crisis and our response to it. [Details ...](#)

Sunday 25th September Salmon Run: Following the journey of returning salmon on their odyssey from the wild north Atlantic to the river valleys of Exmoor, runners of different ages and abilities will take part in this community relay. [Details ...](#)

Website...

September is Preparedness Month. #30Days30WaysUK, the national campaign of preparedness activities and games via social media:

<https://www.30days30waysuk.org.uk/>

Campaigns ...

Global Justice Now: Tell rich countries to pay for their climate damages. Rich countries and polluting corporations in the global north are the most responsible for climate change. Yet, billions of people across the global south are being impacted by climate catastrophe, despite being the least responsible for causing it. [Petition ...](#)

War on Want: The UK government pays Pakistan climate reparations. Even as the UK government sends its condolences to Pakistan, it is announcing more oil and gas projects. It is time rich countries like the UK do their fair share and pay climate reparations for the destruction they are causing. [Petition ...](#)

Reprivee: Prime Minister Liz Truss: Bring back British nationals detained in North East Syria. [Details ...](#)

Change.org: Free Alaa Abdel Fattah, Amnesty International Prisoner of Conscience, imprisoned in Egypt. [Petition...](#)

Alaa Abdel Fattah detention: Truss to seek release of British-Egyptian activist. [Read more ...](#)

Avaaz: Request to world leaders - Let's create a new global treaty that protects children and youth's right to free education -- from pre-primary through secondary school. [Details ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Global Witness: Investigation: TotalEnergies' Siberian oil linked to Russian military attacks on civilians in Ukraine. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: Let's get water flowing to where it's needed and build a climate-resilient future. [Read more ...](#)