



# DDE Newsletter No. 100

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

How oil companies rebranded deceptive climate ads as ‘free speech’. In two dozen climate liability cases, companies are arguing that their public statements about climate change are not ‘deceptive’ so much as persuasive – and protected free speech. [Read more ...](#)

Six promises you can make to help reduce carbon emissions. From using smartphones for longer to ending car ownership, research shows ‘less stuff and more joy’ is the way forward. Six key lifestyle changes can help avert the climate crisis, study finds. [Read more ...](#)

Sicily’s struggling farmers turn to new crops amid climate change, from subtropical fruit to coffee beans. The extreme heat is reducing plants’ water uptake says Stefano La Malfa, an agriculture expert at the University of Catania. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

Brexit and Government hostility combine to make ‘bizarre and cruel’ system for Ukraine refugees, lawyer says. Leading human rights barrister Usha Sood has condemned hostility to immigrants and Home Office bureaucracy for failing the most vulnerable victims of the Russian invasion. [Read more ...](#)

In open letter on second anniversary of coronavirus pandemic, celebrities, experts and officials say: It isn’t over. [Read more ...](#)

Infographic: How much of your country’s oil comes from Russia? Russia is the world’s second highest exporter of crude oil after Saudi Arabia. In 2019, 48 countries bought Russian crude oil worth \$123bn. [Read more ...](#)

Ugandan communities battle to benefit from mining on their land. Communities in Karamoja face an uphill task organising to beat international capital and authoritarian politics. [Read more ...](#)

## Watch and listen ...

Freedom from Torture: A message from Steven, a Holocaust survivor, to Boris Johnson. [Watch ...](#)

## Things to do ...

**Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm to 9pm** *Windrush Foundation Presents: Celebrating Windrush Women* [Details ...](#)

**Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to 8:00pm** - *Creative Dialogues: Meera Syal & Sanjeev Bhaskar* – organised by College of Humanities, Exeter University. [Details ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Exeter reviewing Russian twin town links after Ukraine invasion. The suspension of its civic relations with Russia will be debated by members of the full council. [Read more ...](#)

Understanding Europe's response to Ukrainian refugee crisis. Al Jazeera speaks to Professor Serena Parekh to explain Europe's response to Ukrainian refugees compared to those from Syria. [Read more ...](#)

Jamaican students arrive safely back home from Ukraine. The students had a traumatic journey back to the Caribbean. [Read more ...](#)

Putin's war in Ukraine risks causing a global catastrophe as record wheat prices raise threat of famine. Many countries are heavily dependent on grain from Ukraine, which is known as the "breadbasket of Europe" and accounts for about 10 per cent of global supplies. [Read more ...](#)

Sri Lanka to hold state funeral for beloved sacred elephant Raja. Raja, who will be stuffed for posterity, was considered so important that when he travelled he had his own security detail. [Read more ...](#)

Bottles, cans, batteries: octopuses found using litter on seabed. Creatures seen using discarded items for shelter or to lay eggs, highlighting 'extreme ability to adapt'. [Read more ...](#)

55 tons of lettuce fed to Florida's starving manatees. Officials have now fed more than 55 tons of lettuce to starving Florida manatees as part of an experimental program to help the animals since their natural food is being destroyed by water pollution. [Read more ...](#)

People of colour fleeing Ukraine attacked by Polish nationalists. Non-white refugees face violence and racist abuse in Przemyśl, as police warn of fake reports of 'migrants committing crimes'. [Read more ...](#)

Transnistria: The country that doesn't exist but could shape the future of Russia and Europe. Squeezed between Ukraine and Moldova – but wishing it was part of Russia – the tiny enclave of Transnistria could be a crucial pawn in the current crisis. [Read more ...](#)

### Local News ...

Professor Joe Kember talks about a compilation of 'Magic Lantern' scripts in the Bill Douglas Cinema Museum. [Watch ...](#) [Read more ...](#)

A new documentary by a Dr John Wedgwood Clarke, University of Exeter, celebrates the unique Cornish Red River – a powerful symbol of the county's identity. The Red River in West Cornwall runs from Neolithic standing stones on the moors above Camborne to Gwithian in St Ives Bay.

[Watch ...](#) [Read more ...](#)

Exeter suspends civic relations with its Russian twin city Yaroslavl. [Read more ...](#)

### **Campaigns Ukraine ...**

Change.org: call for an emergency airlift to bring supplies for the threatened Ukrainian towns and villages. [Petition ...](#)

Stop the War: Thousands of protestors across the UK joined the No to War in Ukraine Global Day of Action. [Read more ...](#)

Change.org Update: Humanitarian Airlift & Corridors for Ukraine Now. [Read more ...](#)

### **Campaigns ...**

BDS: If AXA wants to stop being complicit in gross human rights violations and respect its climate change and biodiversity strategy, it must divest from Israeli apartheid! [Details ...](#)

MAP: At the UN Human Rights Council in March, Palestinians' rights will be at the centre of attention. The UK will have an opportunity to vote on resolutions demanding that Israel respect international law and calling for accountability for violations, including attacks on civilians homes and healthcare. [Details ...](#)

38degrees: Sell lateral flow tests at cost price. [Petition ...](#)

350.org: Stop bankrolling Putin and the Climate Crisis. The link between Russia's power and fossil fuels has become strikingly clear. [Petition ...](#)

Avaz: To EU leaders, world governments and the CEOs of major finance firms: ban imports of Russian oil, gas and coal and stop doing business with Russian fossil fuel companies now. [Petition ...](#)

### **Campaign Updates ...**

Palestine Solidarity Campaign: The media's racist double standard on Palestine. The world's attention is now vividly focused on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and I am watching the news in Gaza speechless, boiling with rage. [Read more ...](#)

### **Websites ...**

Israeli Apartheid Week aims to raise public awareness about Israel's racial discrimination against all parts of the Palestinian people.

<https://www.palestinecampaign.org/events/israeli-apartheid-week-2022/>

The LUCERNA Magic Lantern Web Resource CIC

LUCERNA is an online resource on the magic lantern, an early slide projector invented in the 17th century.

<http://lucerna.exeter.ac.uk/statement.php>