



# DDE Newsletter No. 120

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Britain's wetlands are the key to saving us from drought, wildfires and even floods. By restoring these natural wet assets that were neglected for decades we can mitigate the worst effects of climate change.

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Farmers are embracing solar power to beat soaring energy bills. [Read more ...](#)

As Britain gets drier, we don't talk about how much water nuclear power uses. A new fleet of nuclear power stations would require staggering amounts of water we don't have. [Read more ...](#)

Turkey resumes gas exploration in the eastern Mediterranean. A Turkish ship sets off to drill for gas in the eastern Mediterranean – a move that risks inflaming regional tensions. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

'A Sikh soldier pulled me out of the rubble': survivors recall India's violent partition – and reflect on its legacy. [Read more ...](#)

The Gaza Strip explained in maps. The Gaza Strip, home to 2.1 million people, has been under an Israeli-imposed land, sea and air blockade for the past 15 years. [Read more ...](#)

Key events since Taliban takeover of Afghanistan a year ago. The group made a stunning return to power on August 15 last year as the US-led forces withdrew from the country after two decades. [Read more ...](#)

'The family will kill you if the patient dies': the doctors facing attack in Iraq's hospitals. In Baghdad 87% of doctors say they have experienced violence at work, some involving guns, and most at the hands of patients' relatives. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

Exeter's new £3.6million solar farm to 'go live' next month. The council aims to help the city become a Net Zero Carbon City by the year 2030. [Read more ...](#)

Learning how clothes are made has a "transformative" effect on people's relationship with fast fashion. [Read more ...](#)

## Website ...

**Runnymede Trust and Greenpeace:** Confronting Injustice: Racism and the Environmental Emergency  
<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/publications/confronting-injustice-racism-and-the-environmental-emergency>

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Garment waste from Nike, Clarks and other leading brands burned to fuel toxic kilns in Cambodia. Off-cuts from Cambodian clothing factories that supply leading western brands, including Ralph Lauren and Michael Kors, are being used to fuel brick-kilns - exposing bonded workers to toxic fumes. [Read more ...](#)

As Ghana joins the call for reparations, the West cannot play ignorant for much longer. If we are to make any progress in this – at this point – centuries-long discussion, then we need to be intellectually honest. [Read more ...](#)

Le bon temps continue to roll on Cajun radio in Southern Louisiana. [Read more ...](#)

Record amount of seaweed is choking shores in the Caribbean. More than 24 million tons of sargassum blanketed the Atlantic in June. [Read more ...](#)

The plans for giant seaweed farms in European waters. [Read more ...](#)

James Lovelock, creator of Gaia hypothesis, dies on 103rd birthday. The scientist was best known for his theory that the Earth is a self-regulating community of organisms. [Read more ...](#)

Revealed: UK ran cold war dirty tricks campaign to smear Kenya's first vice-president. Special unit spread fake news about leftist politician, Oginga Odinga, seen as threat to British interests in 1960s. [Read more ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

**CPRE:** Call on the government to champion hedgerows. Hedges connect habitats and provide homes for wildlife. They protect the soil, clean the air and absorb carbon emissions. [Petition ...](#)

**War on Want:** Armed violence against Palestinians is at the heart of Israel's occupation and apartheid regime, and the UK is complicit through its arms trade with Israel. [Details ...](#)

**War on Want:** UK banking giant Barclays provides billions of pounds worth of investment and loans to arms companies selling weapons and military technology to Israel. These weapons are routinely used by Israel's apartheid regime to violently repress the Palestinian people. [Details ...](#)

**Avaaz:** The UN Secretary General has set up a major global consultation to gather public input on how to make the UN work better. It closes in days, so take a very short survey on what we all want from the UN; the results will be formally submitted to the UN reform process. [Details ...](#)

### Campaign Updates ...

**CPRE:** Call for land strategy and new planning rules to guard food security. There's been a hundred-fold increase in our best farmland lost to development in little more than a decade. [Read more ...](#)

**Change.org:** The UK has approved a new gas field and given a massive tax break to Shell. [Read more ...](#)