



# DDE Newsletter No. 137

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Watered down: why negotiators at Cop15 are barely mentioning the ocean. With only two mentions of the word 'ocean' in the latest 5,000-word working agreement, delegates fear marine biodiversity is being sacrificed. [Read more ...](#)

What does 'nature positive' mean – and can it rally support to stop biodiversity loss? The buzz phrase aims to emulate the success of 'net zero' in climate campaigning. Yet some fear it is too vague, and open to greenwashing. [Read more ...](#)

'Means of survival': Tanzania's booming charcoal trade drives unchecked deforestation. As rising gas prices drive demand for the polluting fuel, illegal loggers depend on the trade to live – even as the forest disappears around them. [Read more ...](#)

Breakthrough in nuclear fusion energy announced - researchers confirmed they have overcome a major barrier - producing more energy from a fusion experiment than was put in. [Read more ...](#)

Maria Telkes: Who was the 'Sun Queen' biophysicist who championed solar energy? Visionary Hungarian-American scientist foresaw the potential of renewable power. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

The US is making Africa's hunger worse. The pandemic and the war show the need for strong local food supply chains to avoid disruptions. Yet the US won't learn. [Read more ...](#)

Son sues Meta over father's killing in Ethiopia. Facebook's algorithm helped fuel the viral spread of hate and violence during Ethiopia's civil war, a legal case alleges. [Read more ...](#)

'Hostile' refugee policies behind migrant deaths, human rights groups say. Refugee Action said the deaths were 'predictable and avoidable'. [Read more ...](#)

The NGO Human Rights Watch denounces delay in repatriations of foreigners with Islamic State links in Syria. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

Council pledges to raise awareness of the benefits of plant-based food. [Read more ...](#)

Locals brave freezing weather to plant 600 trees in Exeter. [Read more ...](#)

Exeter University academic wins prestigious national book prize for 'provocative' analysis of God. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Ukraine issues Crimean Bridge strike stamp on Russia's Unity Day. Postal service follows up April's limited edition stamp celebrating attack on Russian flagship Moskva. [Read more ...](#)

Ukrainians hid orphaned children from Russian deportation. Throughout the war in Ukraine, Russian authorities have been accused of deporting Ukrainian children to Russia or Russian-held territories to raise them as their own. [Read more ...](#)

'Our mission is crucial': meet the warrior librarians of Ukraine. When Russia invaded Ukraine, a key part of its strategy was to destroy historic libraries in order to eradicate the Ukrainians' sense of identity. But Putin hadn't counted on the unbreakable spirit of the country's librarians. [Read more ...](#)

How people with learning disabilities are stepping up to help the NHS recruitment crisis. During a recruitment crisis that's seeing patient waiting lists soar, the NHS needs all hands on deck. [Read more ...](#)

UK farmers ripping up unaffordable orchards, NFU president says. Experts call for schemes to help fruit growers keep trees and preserve habitats vital for biodiversity. [Read more ...](#)

'People wouldn't show my work – or even reply to me': Veronica Ryan on her Turner prize triumph. The oldest artist ever to win the Turner spent years feeling as if she was invisible. Now, her quiet, contemplative sculptures have finally been rewarded with the British art world's biggest prize. [Read more ...](#)

Neo-Nazis Dream of 'Day X' in Germany. [Read more ...](#)

Brief bursts of activity offer health benefits for people who don't exercise. Stepping up the pace of a routine walk for a few minutes a day may help lower mortality risk. [Read more ...](#)

Scientists protest outside Defra offices ahead of COP15. [Read more ...](#)

Why is the UK taking part in a global 'orgy of destruction'? It is time for Britain to end our gross hypocrisy on climate and nature. [Read more ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

**Amnesty:** Chow Hang-tung peacefully encouraged people to remember the victims on the Tiananmen Square massacre after the authorities cancelled a vigil. She was arrested and faces 10 years in prison. Demand the Hong Kong authorities release her now. [Petition ...](#)

**War on Want:** Palestinian-French human rights defender Salah Hammouri is facing forcible deportation from his hometown in Jerusalem, after Israel revoked his Jerusalem residency in gross violation of international law. [Details ...](#)

### Campaign Updates ...

**Medical Aid to Palestinians:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities: MAP's commitment to inclusion and accountability. [Read more ...](#)