



DDE Newsletter No. 117

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

The Trees Are Trying Their Hardest. Our planet's forests can't recover like they used to. [Read more ...](#)

Climate emergency is a legacy of colonialism, says Greenpeace UK. Report says global south has been 'used as place to dump waste' and that people of colour are suffering disproportionately. [Read more ...](#)

Why is it so hard to get people to care about climate change? A neuroscientist and a psychologist shed light. The climate crisis is staring us in the face, but can we believe it? Environmental psychologists and a neuroscientist discuss why it can be so hard for us to get our heads round climate change - with a surprising list of reasons. [Read more ...](#)

Kigali summit to outline strategy for nature conservation in Africa. First continent-wide meeting aims to set out plans to halt and reverse habitat and species loss in protected areas on land and sea. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

'He's not our president': Protesters reject new Sri Lankan leader. Protesters hit the streets as parliament elects Ranil Wickremesinghe as the crisis-hit country's new president. [Read more ...](#)

Ranil Wickremesinghe sworn in as Sri Lankan president amid unrest. The six-time prime minister and veteran politician is an unpopular choice among protesters who forced his predecessor out. [Read more ...](#)

Sri Lanka swears Dinesh Gunawardena in as new prime minister. Appointment of veteran politician comes after security forces clear anti-government protest site in Colombo. [Read more ...](#)

Anticolonial hero statue to occupy Trafalgar Square fourth plinth from September. Antelope by Samson Kambalu depicts John Chilembwe wearing hat in defiance of colonial rule in Nyasaland, now Malawi. [Read more ...](#)

Cookbook puts pigeon pea on Malawi's plates to combat food insecurity. Book aims to change attitudes to nutritious pulse the country produces in abundance for export but rarely eats at home. [Read more ...](#)

Serlina Boyd on launching Britain's first Black journalism school: 'So many stories have never been told'. The experienced publisher defied the doubters when she launched 'Cocoa Girl' and 'Cocoa Boy', which have attracted more than a million readers. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

October 2020 TED Talk - *10 years to transform the future of humanity -- or destabilize the planet* – by Professor Johan Rockström. [Watch ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Give me a pale male PM with great policies over a 'diverse' one reinforcing inequality. It's good that institutions such as the Tory party have begun to reflect the nation's diversity. But it's not an end in itself. Show me the ideas. [Read more ...](#)

A floating abortion clinic is in the planning stage, and people are already on board. [Read more ...](#)
Two Women In UK Are Facing Criminal Charges For Abortion. Here's Why. "What kind of society treats women in this way?". [Read more ...](#)

Govt's climate strategy deemed "unlawful" in historic ruling. Following victory in court, the government will now have to revise its climate strategy to show how key emissions reduction targets will be met. [Read more ...](#)

Seven in 10 Britons believe expansion of UK's renewable energy can solve cost of living crisis. The cost of living crisis is the most important issue for people around the country, polling reveals. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Plaque to remember Polish servicemen. Okehampton Town Council have agreed to place a memorial plaque in Red Lion Yard for Polish Navy servicemen who were based in Okehampton in the 1940s. [Read more ...](#)

Exeter Northcott Theatre announces *The Story of Us* Cultural Festival this September. [Read more ...](#)

Controversial 250 home waterfront development in Yelland approved on appeal. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Want to learn something new this summer? Why not take Miranda Kauffman's free online Black Tudors course with special offer of 20% off for permanent access. [Details ...](#) [Booking ...](#)

Websites...

Bill Douglas Cinema Museum: Black Screen History: A Tale of Trailblazing Talent, Tribulation, Trials, and Triumph
<https://www.bdcmuseum.org.uk/news/black-screen-history-a-tale-of-trailblazing-talent-tribulation-trials-and-triumph-by-chlo%C3%A9-jarrett-bell/>

Fairtrade Fortnight Fairtrade 2022: Youth Exhibition Hall - messages to the individuals, businesses, policy makers and the wider community to inspire climate action and remind us why we need to listen to the farmers most affected by climate change.
<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/exhibition-hall/>

London Climate Action Week is the largest independent climate event in Europe. Every year it brings together climate change experts and communities from across this global city and beyond.
<https://practicalaction.org/events/lcaw22/>

Campaigns ...

Palestine Solidarity Campaign: Review UK foreign policy in light of reports of Israeli apartheid. The Government must review UK foreign policy towards Israel, taking into account the conclusions by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the UN Special Rapporteur for human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory, that Israel is implementing a system of apartheid against Palestinians.

[Petition ...](#)

350.org: We need a Green New Deal. The UK is battling extreme heat waves this summer. We need the government to take this crisis seriously. We need programmes that invest in efficient homes, poverty elimination and a transition away from climate-wrecking fossil fuels to clean renewables. [Petition ...](#)

Organise: Wales has launched a pilot scheme to give care leavers a basic income matching the living wage. Now, with so many of us struggling with costs of living, it's time the scheme is launched UK wide for everyone. [Petition ...](#)

38degrees: Stop and reverse the catastrophic energy bill increases - and make sure everyone is warm this winter. [Read more ...](#)

Amnesty: Help Protect the Protest. Right now, our right to protest is under attack in the UK and around the world. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Amnesty: Open letter on Justice for Ukraine. [Read more ...](#)

Debt Justice: Sri Lanka's Debt Crisis - Behind the food and fuel shortages causing Sri Lanka's protests lie unmanageable debts to the West. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: How does plastic get in the ocean? At the current rate of pollution, there is a strong possibility that there will be more plastic than fish in the sea by 2050 in terms of volume. [Read more ...](#)