



# DDE Newsletter No. 102

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

How Mombasa's beach yoghurts powered a Kenyan reforestation drive. As the world's mangrove swamps keep disappearing and beaches face mounting waste, a Kenyan environmental group is rising to the challenge. [Read more ...](#)

Boomers responsible for nearly one third of greenhouse gas emissions, study suggests. Ageing population could make it tougher to reduce carbon footprint, scientists say. [Read more ...](#)

'Europe has become a slave to Russia': Can geothermal energy increase UK's fuel independence? [Read more ...](#)

The big idea: can forests teach us to live better? Community, family, connection ... how trees could be the model for a new way of being. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

'People would chase me': the taxi bike rider breaking Uganda's taboos. Allen Kisakye Butundu faced shock, abuse and shame when she became a boda boda driver but hopes to inspire other women. [Read more ...](#)

'Really concerning': China finalising security deal with Solomon Islands to base warships in the Pacific. Draft agreement circulating on social media suggests China could establish military base less than 2,000km from Australia. [Read more ...](#)

How do we solve a problem like Putin? Five leading writers on Russia have their say. The Russian president's invasion of Ukraine threatens the safety of the entire world. Writers on Russian history and politics suggest possible ways forward. [Read more ...](#)

Prosecutors in East Africa pledge to end money-laundering so wildlife crime no longer pays. [Read more ...](#)

Pressure grows for deal to save nature at crunch talks in Geneva. Campaigners warn time running out for governments to halt and reverse the destruction of wildlife and ecosystems that support the planet. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

Pop-up Conversation Cafe launches for Ukrainian refugees and locals. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

William and Kate's royal visit to the Caribbean is offensively tone deaf. Just as it's impossible to divorce Bob Marley and reggae from themes of Black oppression, it's impossible to divorce William, Kate and the royal institution from themes of Black oppression. [Read more ...](#)

'Long-overdue': all-Black, female second world war battalion to receive congressional gold medal. Known as the 'six triple eight', battalion was only group of African American women to serve overseas during second world war. [Read more ...](#)

'We were human beings': UK families seek apology over historic forced adoptions. Last week Liz Harvie spoke in parliament about the painful impact of the policy of taking babies from unmarried mothers. [Read more ...](#)

Nationality and Borders Bill amendments: How they voted. [Read more ...](#)

What Türkiye can teach Europe about handling a refugee crisis. As it contemplates how to handle the humanitarian crisis triggered by the Russia-Ukraine war, Europe can turn to Türkiye for some lessons. [Read more ...](#)

Oklahoma bill would fine teachers \$10k for teaching anything that contradicts religion. Under Senator Rob Standridge's Students' Religious Belief Protection Act subjects like LGBT+ issues, evolution and the big bang theory, even birth control could be off the table. [Read more ...](#)

### Watch and listen ...

Dr Juanita Cox (Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London University) puts the Windrush scandal in its transnational and Commonwealth context. [Watch ...](#)

Ukrainian writer Andrey Kurkov - author of *Death and the Penguin* - gives a personal account of daily life in war-torn Ukraine. [Listen ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 11am to 2:15pm** *Teach-in: War in Ukraine Causes and Consequences* organised by Stop the War Coalition. [Details ...](#)

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7pm to 8pm** *Launch for South Asian Heritage Month 2022*. [Details ...](#)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 6pm to 7:30pm** *Land Day Cook-Along* organised by Palestine Solidarity Campaign and led by Palestinian writer and journalist Laila Alhaddad. [Details ...](#)

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2pm to 3pm** *Race & Policing – an honest conversation* organised by South Asian Heritage Month bring you an event in partnership with the National Black Police Association. [Details ...](#)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7pm** *Nuclear power: not fit for purpose?* Talk by Dr Paul Dorfman, organised by CND's Trade Union Advisory Group. [Details ...](#)

## Campaigns ...

Jubilee Debt Campaign: What's not being reported is the huge debt burden Ukraine is facing. Despite the invasion, the country is still paying off lenders. This year alone, the country is expected to repay \$7.3 billion to foreign lenders. If Ukraine continues to make debt payments, western banks and hedge funds could make profits of 300%. [Petition ...](#)

War on Want: Say no to new UK trade deal with apartheid Israel. Just months after the release of Amnesty International's in-depth report on Israel's apartheid system, the UK government is choosing to increase its material support for Israel's occupation and apartheid regime. [Petition ...](#)

Change.org: Stop housing developments on arable farmland and green space around Exeter. [Petition ...](#)

Global Justice Now: Tell Blackrock: drop Zambia's debt. This April, Zambia will go head-to-head with the largest investment company in the world, Blackrock. Negotiations will now take place over whether the debts are paid or Zambia can fund public services. [Petition ...](#)

## Campaign Updates ...

MAP: International Women's Day: Providing a glimmer of hope for women facing discrimination in East Jerusalem. [Read more ...](#)

Global Justice Now: Photo story: Corporate Courts Vs The Climate. [Read more ...](#)

Amnesty: Israel: Demolish Apartheid not Homes. [Read more ...](#)

## Books ...

Behind the Scenes, or, Thirty Years a Slave and Four in the White House by Elizabeth Keckley. [Details ...](#)

Sisters in Arms: A Novel of the Daring Black Women Who Served During World War II by Kaia Alderson. [Details ...](#)

## Websites...

**Onye Nkuzi Agadi** – 'Old Teacher' Reflections

Introduction <https://onye-nkuzi-agadi.com/onye-nkuzi-agadi/>

Blog <https://onye-nkuzi-agadi.com/>

**South Asian Heritage Month** runs from **18th July to 17th August** every year. It seeks to raise the profile of British South Asian heritage and history in the UK through education, arts, culture and commemoration, with the goal of helping people to better understand the diversity of present-day Britain and improve social cohesion across the country.

<https://www.southasianheritage.org.uk/>

**The Weeks Family** The story of Nathaniel, Fred and Harry Weeks. Nathaniel Weeks arrived in England at the turn of the last century as a labourer and within a generation his sons Fred and Harry Weeks became entrepreneurs developing a business in the agricultural industry.

<https://www.africansinyorkshireproject.com/the-weeks-family.html>