



DDE Newsletter No. 121

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Oil firm Rockhopper wins £210m payout after being banned from drilling. Italian government ordered to compensate UK firm after exploration forbidden within 12 miles of coast. [Read more ...](#)

John Oliver on corporate 'net zero' proposals: 'We cannot offset our way out of climate change'. The Last Week Tonight host digs into the overstated promises of corporate carbon neutrality through 'carbon offset' schemes. [Read more ...](#)

Methane hunters: what explains the surge in the potent greenhouse gas? Levels of the gas are growing at a record rate and natural sources like wetlands are the cause, but scientists don't know how to curb it. [Read more ...](#)

England housing strategy to 'consume 100% of country's carbon budget'. The government's response to England's housing affordability crisis has been to pledge to build 300,000 new homes per year. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Today we remember the tragedy of slavery, but the culture war that denies Britain's past continues. Rightwing activists see any reckoning with Britain's colonial past as an attempt to destabilise the country – but collective memory can bring societies together. [Read more ...](#)

'It's a nightmare, every day': Rohingya in India live in fear. Some 40,000 Rohingya refugees live in India where fears are growing as calls for deportations to Myanmar increase. [Read more ...](#)

Western media needs to stop fixating on how Arab women look. From racism to hyper-sexualisation, the depiction of Arab women in the West masks their many achievements. [Read more ...](#)

Kenyan tea pickers on Scottish-run farm to pursue health issues in UK court. Prolonged bending to gather tea for James Finlay Kenya is argued to accelerate ageing of pickers' backs by up to 20 years. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Somatic presents: Sonic Landscapes of Colour - A new podcast-documentary underscored by a soundscape tells the story of young People of Colour who have grown up in the South West. [Read more ...](#)
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Drought, pollution, floods: Avon in Devon tells story of UK rivers in distress. A journey down the waterway in an area of outstanding natural beauty highlights troubles facing UK rivers. [Read more ...](#)

Your chance to help shape the future of Exeter over the next 20 years. ECC Executive seeks approval for a public consultation on the Outline Draft Exeter Plan [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Diet for a hotter climate: five plants that could help feed the world. As the planet warms, these five drought-tolerant and highly nutritious crops offer hope for greater resiliency. [Read more ...](#)

Back from the brink: How 'frozen zoos' could save dying species. [Read more ...](#)

Solar farm plans refused at highest rate for five years in Great Britain. Projects which would have cut annual electricity bills by £100m turned down. [Read more ...](#)

Against the odds: The fight to save sea turtles in Ras Baridi. Turtles have been around for as long as the dinosaurs but their numbers are falling. In Ras Baridi, on Saudi Arabia's west coast, the Ba'a Foundation is trying to find solutions. [Read more ...](#)

China drought causes Yangtze to dry up, sparking shortage of hydropower. Nationwide alert issued with south-west especially badly hit, as major companies forced to suspend work. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

BBC Radio 4: Torn - Gus Casely-Hayford unpicks the hidden histories behind what we wear by exploring ten key moments in fashion spanning the globe and five centuries. [Listen ...](#)

BBC's new documentary, *Jamaica: Forced Deportation*, puts the spotlight on this Government's secretive deportation of Eric Hall. [Watch ...](#)

Things to do ...

Monday 12th September 6pm to 7:30pm *The Great Tipping Points Debate - How can we accelerate out of the climate crisis?* Organised by Global System Institute, Exeter University. [Details ...](#)

Ingrid Pollard Speaker Series: Weekly online talks and Q&A sessions this autumn with writers, scholars, artists and curators presenting on Ingrid Pollard, 2022 Turner Prize nominee. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

War on Want: Demand the UK does its fair share for climate justice. [Petition ...](#)

350.org: Take action against Shell's climate-wrecking project - urge the UK government to u-turn on Jackdaw and reject all new oil & gas fields. [Details ...](#)

Avaaz: Ban all military attacks on nuclear plants. In Ukraine rockets are exploding around the reactor compound, and one mistake could lead to nuclear disaster. [Petition ...](#)

War on Want: Defend Palestinian human rights defenders. Israel has escalated its targeted, systematic attacks on Palestinian civil society, including their partner Addameer. [Details ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

War on Want: From resistance to power: Building climate justice in Colombia. [Read more ...](#)

Reprieve: Jagtar Singh Johal case: UK spy agencies accused of tip-off that led to torture. [Read more ...](#)