



DDE Newsletter No. 106

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Dear politicians, young climate activists are not abuse victims, we are children who read news.

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‘Reckless in the extreme’: Outrage as government poised to green-light UK’s first new coal mine for decades. Proposed Cumbria mine ‘would blow huge hole in the government’s remaining climate credibility’, campaigners say. [Read more ...](#)

UK in huge energy boost: Deal struck with Morocco for ‘game-changing’ underwater cables. BRITAIN is set to benefit from a major undersea electricity cable that will connect the UK with Morocco, providing vast amounts of electricity. [Read more ...](#)

Meet the world’s first ‘floating city’ to face rising sea levels which begins construction in 2023. Busan in South Korea will host a prototype of the idea, intended to help coastal cities adapt to the climate crisis.

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Other News

Caste pervasive across Christian, Sikh, Buddhist and other faiths. [Read more ...](#)

Life expectancy in poorest parts of the UK plummets leaving parents fearful for their children. ‘I want everything for my kids, I want them to have a better life than me’. [Read more ...](#)

Windrush group pair quit in protest at ‘fig leaf’ response to scandal. Two resign citing UK ministers’ failure to repeal hostile environment legislation. [Read more ...](#)

‘The tuber man of Kerala’ on a quest to champion India’s rare and indigenous crops. Shaji NM has devoted his life to collecting and farming tubers such as yam, cassava and taro, and promoting them across the country. [Read more ...](#)

Right back at you: the Ugandan designer returning the west’s cast-offs. Fed up with Africa being a ‘waste disposal system’ for donated clothes, Bobby Kolade decided to refashion items into unique designs and return to sender. [Read more ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

The key to winning the climate debate isn't economics: it's health. The environment ranks low in polls of the public's fears, while sickness ranks top. Yet we will all get more ill as the planet heats. [Read more ...](#)

Megan Thee Stallion Explains Lying to Police After Alleged Tory Lanez Shooting: 'Didn't Want Them to Kill Us'. [Read more ...](#)

It's Not Just Student Loans. Americans Are Drowning in Medical Debt. Biden Must Help. [Read more ...](#)

Asylum offshoring plan beats Parliament's end-of-session deadline. [Read more ...](#)

India plans new battery swap policy for electric scooters, rickshaws. [Read more ...](#)

Scholar uses trash as treasure to study life in North Korea. A South Korean scholar has turned to a different way of collecting information about secretive North Korea as pandemic restrictions make it harder for outsiders to find out what's life like for North Koreans. [Read more ...](#)

Friends no longer, Ukraine removes Russian statues and street names. One village now has a Boris Johnson Street, though some say erasing the likes of Tolstoy is going too far. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Friday 13th May to Thursday 19th May CASABLANCA BEATS comes to Exeter Phoenix. This bold Moroccan hip-hop drama inspires, uplifts and encourages rap as a revolutionary tool for change. [Details ...](#)

Monday 16th May 6pm to 8:30pm Film: *Looted and Hidden - Palestinian Archives in Israel* directed by Rona Sela. Hosted by North Devon Palestine Solidarity Campaign. [Details ...](#)

Thursday 19th May 6pm to 7:30pm *The Windrush Scandal and Oral History as Methodology* – talk by Juanita Cox (Institute of Commonwealth Studies). [Details ...](#)

Saturday 21st May 3pm *Green Space Dark Skies - Dartmoor* is a national project in which Lumenators, each carrying a low impact light into the landscape, create a large participatory art project involving music, poetry, dance and low impact lights. Each art project will be filmed and distributed in the weeks after the event to promote our countryside and areas of natural beauty. [Details ...](#)

Thursday 16th June 6pm to 7:30pm *Culinary Resistance and Material Articulations of Identity in the Black Atlantic* – talk by Peggy Brunache (University of Glasgow). [Details ...](#)

Local News ...

Multi-million funding for new 'terrestrial blue economy' research. A pioneering new research project, designed to unlock the true potential of sustainable shrimp production in the UK using renewable energy technology, has received a multi-million pound funding boost. [Read more ...](#)

Book ...

#BlackInSchool by Habiba Cooper Diallo. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

350.org: Stop BP's deal with the British Museum! The British Museum's current 5-year deal with BP is coming to an end – but the Museum's management have been holding private talks with oil giant about signing a new sponsorship deal. [Details ...](#)

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, and whilst recognising the strength of economic sanctions to pressure Russia to end its invasion of Ukraine — the UK government is choosing to increase its material support for Israel's occupation and apartheid regime. [Petition ...](#)

Avaaz: Legislators in the US are considering powerful new laws to keep forest-killing products out of the country. The US is home to many of the world's biggest companies, and these laws could transform global supply chains and help protect these precious forests, and the people and animals who call them home. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Palestinian Solidarity Campaign: UN Human Rights Council Overwhelmingly Votes in Favor of Pro-Palestine Resolution. [Read more ...](#)

Over 700 Israeli settlers storm Al-Aqsa complex. [Read more ...](#)

Right to Boycott: Protect the right to boycott. The government is proposing an 'anti-boycott bill' that, if passed, could dramatically affect our ability to campaign for social and climate justice in the UK and around the world. [Read more ...](#)

CND: Perilous Profiteering - The companies building nuclear arsenals and their financial backers. [Read more ...](#)

CPRE Devon: Grass not Glass - growing number (and size) of solar farms encroaching on our landscape and productive farmland. [Read more ...](#)