



# DDE Newsletter No. 158

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

'No one saw this level of devastation coming': climate crisis worsens in Somalia. Torrential rain, coming on top of the country's worst drought in four decades, has forced 250,000 people to leave their homes.

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Half of world's largest lakes, reservoirs losing water. New study finds unsustainable human use has led to more than half of the largest lakes drying up around the world. [Read more ...](#)

Global warming set to break key 1.5C limit for first time. Our overheating world is likely to break a key temperature limit for the first time over the next few years, scientists predict. [Read more ...](#)

Climate crisis deniers target scientists for vicious abuse on Musk's Twitter. Abusive, often violent tweets denying the climate emergency have become a barrage since Elon Musk acquired the platform.

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## Other News

Thailand election: Will military elite let opposition take power? Move Forward Party wins election, but a military-appointed Senate and the ambitions of ex-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra may yet thwart its bid to govern. [Read more ...](#)

'This is ours': Somaliland women smell success as frankincense business takes off. After years of alleged exploitation, a new collective of Somali women takes on the male-dominated frankincense industry.

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Streets ahead: a landmark for the Delhi newspaper run by homeless children. Balaknama's reports on sexual abuse, police brutality and child labour, written by teenagers, have transformed lives in India.

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ExxonMobil settles decades-old torture case with Indonesian villagers. Eleven Indonesian villagers from Aceh province have reached a confidential financial settlement with oil giant ExxonMobil. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

Exeter's pioneering solar farm shortlisted for a top award. [Read more ...](#)

Innovation in farming will be showcased at the Devon County Show at Westpoint this week (18-20 May), where we will be highlighting the part we play in helping to support the future of agriculture.

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## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Free vapes to be offered to e-cigarette users if they recycle their used ones through Royal Mail. Royal Mail is to collect used vapes from people's homes as part of a major scheme to reduce environmental damage from single-use vapes. [Read more ...](#)

Bought for \$6,000, Grime-Covered Windows Are Actually Tiffany—and Worth Up to \$250,000 Each. When a Philadelphia church sold its stained glass windows to a collector, nobody knew how valuable they were. [Read more ...](#)

Firearms Classes Taught Me, and America, a Very Dangerous Lesson. [Read more ...](#)

A precious resource: how Israel uses water to control the West Bank. In occupied West Bank villages, Israeli-owned farms are flourishing, while Palestinians often do not have enough water to drink. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Thursday 1st June 2pm** at Exeter Phoenix *Bossy*. Multi-award winning Zoo Co presents this brand new show celebrating Black culture. Featuring a kick-ass Caribbean soundtrack. [Details ...](#)

**Sunday 18th June 2pm to 3:30pm** *Salute to Len Garrison: Len's legacy at 80*. Testimonies to Len Garrison founder of the Black Cultural Archives and thought leader on Black History in British Schools. [Details ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

**Everyday Plastic and 38degrees:** Remove plastic packaging from supermarket fruit and veg. [Petition ...](#)

**Medical Aid for Palestinians:** Building a brighter future for Palestine's next generation. [Petition ...](#)

**Rainforest Rescue:** Uganda: Stop criminalizing pipeline protesters! Nine university students were arrested and are awaiting trial in Kampala for protesting against the EACOP pipeline. [Petition ...](#)

### Campaign updates ...

**Medical Aid for Palestinians:** In response to the three days of Israeli military airstrikes on Gaza, Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) has been working tirelessly to address the pressing medical needs, and support hospitals and vital health services. [Read more ...](#)

**Practical Action:** How their work in Sudan is affected by the ongoing crisis. [Read more ...](#)

**Practical Action:** The Planting for Progress(P4P) programme has worked with thousands of women farmers in some of the driest parts of Zimbabwe who have adopted solar-powered irrigation in their nutrition gardens and sand dams to store precious water. [Read more ...](#)

**Stop EACOP:** The coalition celebrates Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group's (SMBC Group) recent declaration of non-involvement in the East African crude oil pipeline project (EACOP). [Read more ...](#)