



# DDE Newsletter No. 187

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

.Climate change: The young activists changing the sceptics' minds. Young people from five countries told BBC News how they are trying to change the minds of those who wrongly claim climate change is not real. [Read more ...](#)

COP28: UN climate talks take aim at planet-warming food. World leaders have for the first time promised to tackle the huge responsibility that food and agriculture have in climate change. [Read more ...](#)

Five grassroots climate justice movements COP28 could learn from. From Pakistan to Paraguay, these campaigns are trying to bring out changes in communities at the front line of the climate crisis. [Read more ...](#)

The weird materials behind sustainable furniture. From crushed oyster shells to agricultural waste, Celine Sandberg has experimented with some wacky ingredients to make parts for furniture. [Read more ...](#)

'It's kind of gross but we can do it': How a community learned to go zero waste. A pioneering city scheme is putting France's ambitious waste-reduction policies into practice. [Read more ...](#)

World's biggest nuclear fusion reactor opens in huge boost for 'holy grail' of clean energy. Harnessing the power of the sun offers near limitless clean energy. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

'It's an ongoing challenge': Will the culture wars come for Britain's books? Books that discuss race, racism and sexuality are being banned or censored across America, igniting further conflict across the political spectrum. It's happening in the UK, too, if – so far, at least – to a lesser extent. But should we be worried. [Read more ...](#)

Feminism in pictures: illustrated stories of women's rights around the world. Three female artists, from Kenya, Brazil and Turkey, describe how their creative vision helped them draw attention to the fight for equality. [Read more ...](#)

Horror statistics that link child marriage in Bangladesh to climate crisis. IRC says as many as 22 per cent of all girls in Bangladesh are being married off before age of 15. [Read more ...](#)

## Watch and listen ...

Channel 4: Tuvalu is sinking: How do you relocate an entire country? [Watch ...](#)

Radio 4: Empire of Tea: Sathnam Sanghera tells the story of our national drink and its imperial past. [Listen ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

'Brands to avoid': Mars and Cadbury among chocolate firms criticised in ethics report. Only 17 out of 82 companies investigated were found to use suppliers that paid cocoa farmers enough to live on.

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Apprehension in Malawi as government sends workers to Israel amid Gaza war. Opposition leader Kondwani Nankhumwa questions the secrecy of the deal and describes it as 'an evil transaction'.

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What is straw bale gardening? Experts explain this alternative growing method. Discover the benefits of this gardening approach, plus how to get started and the problems to look out for. [Read more ...](#)

'Despotic' Maduro accused of risking Venezuela-Guyana conflict over oil-rich region. Foreign minister of Guyana condemns Venezuela president for holding referendum on country's claim to Essequibo.

[Read more ...](#)

US throws weight behind Guyana in territorial dispute with Venezuela. Top US diplomat Blinken reaffirms support for Guyana's sovereignty as Venezuela threatens to annex its Essequibo region. [Read more ...](#)

Plato, pilates and pubs: has an Irish town found the secret to the good life? Book claims it is 'hard to find another currently existing society' better than that in Skerries, near Dublin. [Read more ...](#)

### Local News ...

International climate champions lead poetic call for change as COP28 opens. [Read more ...](#)

Release of a series of new short documentary films showcasing four fascinatingly rich and diverse collaborations between creative practitioners and academics at the University of Exeter.

[Read and watch ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Wednesday 17th to Sunday 21st January** at Positive Light Projects

Culture Box Live is an exhibition based on the research findings and artist commissions from a pandemic-responsive arts and dementia project. It will be a multi-media and multi-sensory exhibition showcasing the importance of creativity for dementia care. [Details ...](#)

### Websites...

**Exeter Science Centre:** *Our vision is an exemplary STEAMM Discovery Centre in Exeter for the educational, social and cultural benefit of the city and the whole of the South West region. STEAMM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths and Medicine. We want to create a place where everyone feels welcome, regardless of background, age, education or interests.*

<https://exetersciencecentre.org/>

**The Global Tipping Points Report** was launched at COP28 on 6 December 2023. Global Tipping Points is led by Professor Tim Lenton from the University of Exeter's Global Systems Institute with the support of more than 200 researchers from over 90 organisations in 26 countries.

<https://global-tipping-points.org/>

## Campaigns ...

**Rainforest Rescue:** Panama: NO to copper mining in the rainforest! The government of the Central American country triggered a deep crisis of confidence by ignoring public opinion and permitting a vast copper mine in the rainforest. [Petition ...](#)

**Fairtrade Foundation:** Back the farmers at COP28 by signing this virtual postcard. [Petition ...](#)

**350.org:** Call on the EU to stand with countries on the frontline and commit to pushing for a full phase out of fossil fuels in the COP28 agreement! [Petition ...](#)

**Rainforest Rescue:** The oil industry is devastating Nigeria's environment – for Germany's benefit? [Petition ...](#)

**Avaz:** Stop Deep-Sea Mining. Coastal countries like France, Canada, and the UK are against dangerous and untested deep-sea mining. But it only takes one to be the first, and Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre is defying mounting international pressure and calling on MPs to allow deep-sea mining. [Petition ...](#)

## Campaign Updates ...

**Global Justice Now:** Colombia joins international alliance calling for treaty to end use of fossil fuels. Colombian president Gustavo Petro wants treaty to lay out plan to end era of coal, oil and gas. [Read more ...](#)

**War on Want:** COP28: everything you need to know. [Read more ...](#)

**Coal Action Network:** FINITE: The Climate of Change film from Espresso Media International. [Watch ...](#)

**Global Justice Now:** Pharmanomics: How Big Pharma Destroys Global Health, talk by Nick Deardon organised by Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice (CSSGJ). [Watch ...](#)