



# DDE Newsletter No. 202

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Extortionate Easter eggs and shrinking sweets: fears grow of a 'chocolate meltdown'. Poor harvests in extreme weather conditions have led to a tripling of cocoa prices – but farmers have seen no benefit. [Read more ...](#)

Forest regeneration projects failing to offset carbon emissions. [Read more ...](#)

Children of the flood: what can lands lost to rising waters tell us? From Atlantis to Noah, humans have always been fascinated by stories of sunken lands. But what do modern losses, such as Pett Level in Sussex and Isle de Jean Charles in Louisiana, say about our climate-change predicament? [Read more ...](#)

E-waste 'drawers of doom' growing, say campaigners. Household hoards of unused electricals and broken tech are growing, a recycling campaign group warns. [Read more ...](#)

It takes a village: the Indian farmers who built a wall against drought. In rural Rajasthan, villagers have taken action against climate damage by constructing water-saving walls, trenches and dams to revive their farmland. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

What's happening in Haiti? The recent political chaos and gang violence can be traced back to Haiti's long history with political turmoil. [Read more ...](#)

Sites of resistance: threatened African burial grounds around the world. Too often cemeteries for enslaved people have been all but erased from history but how we remember matters. [Read more ...](#)

'We are finally free': Senegal hails new anti-establishment president. Bassirou Diomaye Faye promises to overhaul democracy in west African country blighted by corruption. [Read more ...](#)

Sudan slips into famine as warring sides starve civilians. Without online remittances, soaring prices and cereal production cut, Sudan is in the middle of a humanitarian disaster. [Read more ...](#)

## Things to do ...

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** at Exeter Custom House #5: *The Exchange* An interactive exhibition of artwork and artistic process inspired by the histories of trade and negotiation [Details ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Botanic Gardens: Researchers and residents collaborate on climate. A playing field in Belfast will soon see kitchen gardeners and climate scientists working together. [Read more ...](#)

We think loneliness is in our heads, but its source lies in the ruin of civil society. Forty years ago, a US historian claimed that social changes were severing communal bonds. He was right. [Read more ...](#)

59 Haitian children with disabilities evacuated to Jamaica. The children and 13 caregivers arrived in Jamaica on Thursday, as growing unrest in Haiti "made it unsafe for them to continue living there" a non-profit group helping the children said. [Read more ...](#)

Visiting a whites-only town in South Africa was difficult. Even sadder was the racist backlash in the UK. I expected criticism of my documentary, but the racist trolling and support for an apartheid stronghold was truly awful. [Read more ...](#)

Channel 4: Whites Only: Ade's Extremist Adventure. [Watch ...](#)

Equality groups urge cultural elite to give up Garrick Club membership. Campaigners call for 'outdated structures' that undermine progress and encourage inequality to be dismantled. [Read more ...](#)

Cash-strapped Trump is now selling \$60 Bibles, U.S. Constitution included. [Read more ...](#)

### Local News ...

COP28: We Are The Possible. Stories show what's at stake; they provoke empathy and spark the imagination to envision new possibilities. [Read and watch ...](#)

Black Soldiers and Edinburgh c.1792-1848. This article (by John D Ellis) explores the enlistment of soldiers of African and Asian origin in the city of Edinburgh between 1792 and 1848. [Read more ...](#)

John Ellis taught in Devon and contributed a section on Black British soldiers to Lucy MacKeith's 2003 booklet *Local Black History: A Beginning in Devon* which is available [online](#).

### Campaigns ...

**Greenpeace:** Dove is selling a lie. They are deliberately misleading the public with false eco claims to sell more single-use plastic products that harm our environment. [Petition ...](#)

**Fairtrade:** Protecting Forests with Farmers ... Urge Ministers to take this unique opportunity to tackle climate change and deforestation while supporting farmers. [Petition ...](#)

### Campaign Updates ...

**Fairtrade:** By choosing Fairtrade Easter eggs, you're backing cocoa farmers in earning a living income. [Read more ...](#)