



# DDE Newsletter No. 221

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

'Massive disinformation campaign' is slowing global transition to green energy. UN says a global 'backlash' against climate action is being stoked by fossil fuel companies. [Read more ...](#)

Environmental building rules 'a challenge'. Enforcing environmental laws forcing developers to improve wildlife habitats will be a "challenge", ecologists have warned. Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) ... [Read more ...](#)

'Cruisezilla' passenger ships have doubled in size since 2000, campaigners warn. Experts say booming demand for holidays afloat mean ocean liners' burden on the environment is growing. [Read more ...](#)

Rivers be dammed. Nepal struggles to balance energy and water needs with dams that damage livelihoods and ecosystems. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

Afghanistan's first female Olympic breakdancer: 'I want my big dream'. Defiant breaker Manizha Talash says her spot in the Games shows the courage of Afghan girls, that 'everyone can achieve their dreams, even if they are in a cage'. [Read more ...](#)

Yunus sworn in as interim Bangladesh leader. Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has been sworn in as Bangladesh's interim leader, vowing to "uphold, support and protect the constitution". [Read more ...](#)

Venezuela launches probe against opposition leaders Gonzalez, Machado. Opposition leader and presidential candidate face an investigation over their appeal to the army and the police 'to take the side of the people'. [Read more ...](#)

'We don't want to live in a prison': grief and anger in a West Bank refugee camp. In Nur Shams, close to the Israeli border, tarpaulins conceal alleyways from the eyes of Israeli drones and militants meet under cover of darkness. [Read more ...](#)

Like my mother, I am hard of hearing. Decades on, I face the same problems she did. Progress towards Trinidad and Tobago being an accessible society has stagnated. From taking a taxi to getting medical care, accessibility is still a delusion. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

The Pigeon House - Barcelona Writer in Residence Sebastià Portell on Exeter. [Read more ...](#)

University of Exeter to relaunch undergraduate Mining Engineering at the Camborne School of Mines. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

'Our history is intertwined': heirs of Jamaican enslavers apologise to descendants of the enslaved. Emancipation Jubilee event hears apologies, including from the Guardian, in 'important step' towards reparatory justice. [Read more ...](#)

'We need to assert our power - or we'll get trampled on': the cleaner sacked for eating a tuna sandwich. Gabriela Rodriguez was fired from her job over a minor misdemeanour. Now she and others like her are fighting back. [Read more ...](#)

Tim Walz, governor of Minnesota and vice presidential candidate. [Read more ...](#) [Read more ...](#)

Why are we so drawn to the 'tradwife' fantasy? The online version of idealised homemakers is flawed on so many levels, but that doesn't make it any less compelling. [Read more ...](#)

Three monkeys is third Banksy artwork in three days Banksy has posted another artwork in London, marking the third piece of a new animal-themed collection - this time featuring monkeys. [Read more ...](#)

### Watch and listen ...

Black girlhood on screen – a season of contemporary films. [Details ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 4:25pm** at Exeter Picturehouse: *Green Screen: Power to the People* film looking at the crucial issue of Cornwall's energy future and how that could affect the rest of the country. [Details ...](#)

### Campaigns:

**Debt Justice:** ... call on the new government to commit to a debt justice law? [Details ...](#)

### Campaign Updates:

**Greenpeace:** ... highlight the remarkable milestones we've reached so far this year – see attached