



DDE Newsletter No. 224

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

UK may unveil tougher emissions targets at Cop29 climate summit. Campaigners hail Labour's 'proactive approach' after series of policy U-turns under Conservatives. [Read more ...](#)

'I have lost everything': Bangladesh floods strand 1.24 million families. As floodwaters recede after heavy monsoon rains, many have lost their homes – and some blame India for a dam release. [Read more ...](#)

Baobabs: Africa's unique trees defy climate challenges, continue to flourish. [Read more ...](#)

Smart particle could hold climate change key. A climate tech company has won an £8m investment to mass produce tiny particles that can be "programmed" to soak up and store greenhouse gases. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Holiday protesters are missing the big picture – there are ways to make tourism work for everyone. [Read more ...](#)

'When life gets hard, you must be harder': running a takeaway kitchen in an Iraqi border town. Alhan al-Salmani has lived through conflict and personal trauma, but she's never given up. Now she has opened a kitchen, giving other women work and making lunches a culinary pleasure in Qaim. [Read more ...](#)

Aid will enter Sudan by two routes, mediators say. Sudan's army has not sent a delegation to the peace talks in Geneva, delaying progress in ending hostilities. [Read more ...](#)

'Frightening' Taliban law bans women from speaking in public. New vice and virtue restrictions offer 'a distressing vision of Afghanistan's future', says UN. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Thursday 5th September 1pm *An inside look into Sudan* webinar organised by Practical Action. [Details ...](#)

Monday 9th September 12noon to 1pm *Ethnicity and UK climate insights: why we need greater diversity* webinar organised by Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations. [Details ...](#)

Tuesday 1st October 6pm to 7pm *Fairtrade: Be the Change* online event. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Belize-born composer is first Black woman to be Master of the King's Music. Errollyn Wallen's work includes 22 operas, and her pieces are among the most performed of living musicians. [Read more ...](#)

China adds new clean power equivalent to UK's entire electricity output. Data shows continued surge in wind and solar power amid hopes Chinese greenhouse gas emissions may have peaked. [Read more ...](#)

That's What I Would Have Liked, to Live in a Wild Sea'. An 86-year-old woman's decision to end her life raises complex questions about life and death for a filmmaker. [Read more ...](#)

New images of deep sea wonders are surprisingly adorable. A very rare squid, the 'Casper' octopus, two 'flying spaghetti monsters', and more were also documented on this expedition. [Read more ...](#)

Matching dino prints found on opposite sides of the ocean. A team of palaeontologists have discovered a trail of dinosaur footprints beginning in one country and ending in another - on the other side of the world! [Read more ...](#)

Have Swiss scientists made a chocolate breakthrough? [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Beavers transform Devon's River Otter – but their return across England and Wales has stalled. 'Beaver bombing' – covertly releasing them in wild – on rise as the Wildlife Trusts call for more planned releases. [Read more ...](#)

Book ...

Oxfam Climate Crisis e-book. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns:

Greenpeace: Deep sea mining is a new threat to the oceans. But we can stop it before it starts. [Petition ...](#)

War on Want: Make corporations and the super-rich pay for the climate crisis. [Petition ...](#)

Greenpeace: Hosting an event in Parliament to show how this new government can effectively protect our oceans, cut plastic pollution across the world, and end fossil fuels while tackling the cost of living, protecting jobs and communities. Invite your MP. [Details ...](#)

Avaaz: 100,000 Maasai citizens were just erased from the voter rolls in Tanzania, for daring to stay on their ancestral lands. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Wild Card: Rewild The Royals - The British Royal Family are the biggest landowning family in the country. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: Staff and villagers in Darfur have come together to complete the construction of a dam, despite ongoing fighting in the region. [Read more ...](#)