



DDE Newsletter No. 227

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Climate change is turbo-charging Somalia's problems - but there's still hope. [Read more ...](#)

Global spending on subsidies that harm environment rises to \$2.6tn, report says. Analysis finds \$800bn increase in direct support for activities including deforestation and fossil fuel use. [Read more ...](#)

New data reveals how sea mud is far more important than we think. [Read more ...](#)

An ancient African tree is providing a new 'superfood' yet local harvesters are barely surviving. The baobab tree is known as the "tree of life," and its fruit is feeding a growing global market for natural food and beauty products. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Ballerina Michaela Mabinty DePrince (born in Kenema, Sierra Leone, in 1995), who performed with Beyoncé and was seen by many as a trailblazer, has died at the age of 29. [Read more ...](#)

Time for a noodle tax? Doctor who sounded alarm on ultra-processed food urges tougher action. Carlos Monteiro says the links between UPF and obesity, diabetes and even mental ill health are so strong that manufacturers should face taxes just like tobacco firms. [Read more ...](#)

Kashmir elections 2024: Who's in the fray and what's at stake? These are the first regional elections in Kashmir since New Delhi stripped it of its semi-autonomous status in 2019. [Read more ...](#)

'They want total control': how Russia is forcing Sami people to hide their identity. The ministry of justice has added 55 Indigenous organisations to a list of terrorists and extremists, leading many to leave for Nordic countries. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

Unique Exeter events will allow people to immerse themselves in the South West's rich literary heritage. [Read more ...](#)

New interactive stories reveal the discoveries made by University-led Amazonia archaeology project. [Read more ...](#)

New low carbon insulation made by farm workers could support rural economies, experts hope. [Read more ...](#)

Watch and listen ...

The Climate Question: Somalia: Where climate change meets conflict. [Listen ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

How Project 2025 ... the radically conservative blueprint spearheaded by the Heritage Foundation for the next Republican administration ... Would Change the Country. [Read more ...](#)

Trump's fantasy that migrants are eating cats proves the meme has prevailed over real politics. Signs and symbols are increasingly being wielded by politicians around the world in place of reasoned debate about serious issues. [Read more ...](#)

People In Iceland Are Collecting Baby Puffins In The Streets And Throwing Them Back Into The Ocean. [Read more ...](#)

High court blocks Cumbria plan for UK's first new deep coalmine in 30 years. Court rules against West Cumbria Mining's fossil fuel development in Whitehaven. [Read more ...](#)

UK schoolboys catch Nasa's attention with new climate technology used to save coral reefs. The technology uses AI and robotics to help preserve coral reefs. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Monday 23rd September 2pm to 3pm *Climate Reparations Speakers Series: Stop Shell: Reparations for the Niger Delta!* [Details ...](#)

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September *Futures: A Festival of Discovery.* The festival is a unique opportunity to find out more about the innovative and world-class research taking place at universities across the South West. [Details ...](#)

Sunday 29th September *The Salmon Run:* is an ultra run, a relay and 5k run on the same day following the migratory salmon route on the River Exe upstream for 50 miles, from Exmouth to Tarr Steps on the edge of Exmoor. [Details ...](#)

Wednesday 16th October 12:00 pm to 1:30pm *Climate Reparations Speakers Series: What does the global south debt crisis mean for climate reparations?* [Details ...](#)

Campaigns:

38 Degrees: Rewild the Church. 95 Wild Theses for why the Church Commissioners ... should rewild their land. [Details ...](#)

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

Biofuelwatch: Please call on your MP to support the Stop Burning Trees pledge. [Details ...](#)

Fairtrade Foundation: This Fairtrade Fortnight, ask your MP to commit to do everything they can to change trade for the better: ask them to sign the Be the Change pledge. [Details ...](#)

350.org: People of the Pacific Islands need strong international climate action to survive. Send the Pacific Climate Warriors' message to COP29 Presidency. [Petition ...](#)