



# DDE Newsletter No. 230

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

How mainstream climate science endorsed the fantasy of a global warming time machine. [Read more ...](#)

Foreign aid for fossil fuel projects quadrupled in a single year. With clean air projects receiving just 1% of aid, activists say nations 'cannot continue polluting practices at expense of climate stability'.

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Anger at UK's 'bonkers' plan to reach net zero by importing fuel from North Korea. Government criticised over list of potential countries for sourcing biomass, which also includes Afghanistan. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

'We're dead alive': A year of living, reporting the war on Gaza. [Read more ...](#)

Mapping 1,400 Israeli settler attacks in the West Bank over the past year. There was an average of four incidents of settler violence per day in the occupied West Bank since October 7. [Read more ...](#)

How Israel is replaying its Gaza doctrine in Lebanon. As Israel wages war on Lebanon, it is deploying some of the same devastating tactics that it used to destroy Gaza. [Read more ...](#)

Opposition Congress party wins power in Indian-administered Kashmir. Narendra Modi's BJP loses first election since stripping the region of its autonomy and statehood. [Read more ...](#)

Communist China not the motherland, says Taiwan's president, because our republic is older. Lai Ching-te argues the reverse may be true because the Republic of China – the mantle that nationalists carried with them to Taiwan – predates the People's Republic. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

*Uncertain Voyage: A Complex Triangle.* The University of Exeter has received a second poignant art installation in support of a national project that is seeking to redefine how the country understands the Transatlantic Trade in Enslaved Africans and its lasting impact. [Read more ...](#)

Climate report warns of escalating crisis & urges immediate action. Our planet's worsening vital signs indicate a "critical and unpredictable new phase of the climate crisis" and that "decisive action is needed, and fast". [Read more ...](#)

## Things to do ...

**Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 7:30pm online** *Resisting the global debt crisis* organised by Debt Justice.

[Details ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

The Bold. The Beautiful. The Fat Bear. Ten years in, Fat Bear Week has drawn millions of viewers to a live webcam in Alaska to follow along and vote for the chonkiest brown bear at Katmai National Park.

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In Moscow, metro booths seek to attract new volunteers for the Ukrainian front. In the past month, new informational booths have popped up between the escalators and the turnstiles. Passengers are being offered the equivalent of €50,000 to join the army, an incentive that has met with limited success.

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Ukraine is employing increasingly controversial methods for mobilization. After the legal age for enlistment was lowered from 27 to 25, the pace of recruitment accelerated. But there is considerable criticism about violence by recruiters, the social disparities in the selection of recruits and the poor quality of training for new soldiers. [Read more ...](#)

Yes on 4 Campaign Launches TV Ad Featuring "Caroline". Caroline recounts her need for an abortion in order to access life-extending cancer treatment – an abortion that would now be banned under Florida's extreme abortion ban. [Read more ...](#)

How Does Restoring Mangroves Make A Better Life For Fishers In Haiti? [Read more ...](#)

'I've dealt with anti-hillbilly bigotry all my life': Barbara Kingsolver on JD Vance, the real Appalachia and why *Demon Copperhead* was such a hit. As the Pulitzer-winning author's little-known debut – about the 1983 Arizona miners' strike – is published in the UK, she discusses the roots of division in the US, her wild childhood, and putting the story straight about where she's from. [Read more ...](#)

Unleashed by Boris Johnson review – memoirs of a clown. All the fancy verbiage in the world cannot disguise the emptiness at the heart of this self-serving, solipsistic book. [Read more ...](#)

### Books ...

*Belonging: Fate and Changing Realities* by Herman Ouseley. Herman Ouseley, who died on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, was the founder and chairman of 'Kick It Out', the campaign to kick racism out of football (1993-2018); chair and chief executive of the Commission for Racial Equality (1993-2000). [Details ...](#)

### Campaign Updates:

**Make Votes Matter:** MPs Launch Cross-Party Bid to Overhaul Westminster Elections. [Read more ...](#)

**Everyday Plastic:** The hard truth about soft plastic. How supermarket soft plastic take-back schemes are misleading customers. [Read more ...](#)

**World Homeless Day (10<sup>th</sup> October):** Homelessness facts and statistics: The numbers you need to know in 2024. Homelessness is on the rise all around the UK. [Read more ...](#)

**Greenpeace:** Microplastics: Are we facing a new health crisis – and what can be done about it? [Read more ...](#)