



DDE Newsletter No. 231

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

How a Kenyan schoolgirl fell in love with trees. A 14-year-old girl from Kenya has achieved global fame for her efforts to save the planet ... the campaign against climate change. [Read more ...](#)

Burning rubbish now UK's dirtiest form of power. Nearly half of the rubbish produced in UK homes, including increasing amounts of plastic, is now being incinerated. [Read more ...](#)

More than 100 CEOs call for climate action even as divide emerges. Business leaders rally for support ahead of UN COP29 summit despite many global companies backtracking. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

'It's path-breaking': British Columbia's blueprint for decolonisation. First Nations are negotiating with government on sharing crucial decisions over forestry, mining and construction. [Read more ...](#)

'I've seen the dark, fat grease stuck to the leaves': oil and gas encroach on Peru's uncontacted peoples. The government is auctioning off plots of pristine Indigenous reserves for fossil fuel projects, with campaigners warning of a 'silent genocide'. [Read more ...](#)

After 12 months of war, Israel is a changed state, analysts say. A year of conflict has strengthened the far right and emboldened an increasingly messianic leader, according to analysts. [Read more ...](#)

King Charles and the £200bn slavery reparations bill looming over Commonwealth summit. Reparations is expected to be a key talking point in Samoa next week. [Read more ...](#)

'They thought it was ok to touch my Afro hair': Black woman says she was seen as a 'curiosity' at work. Danielle Obe said her pain over her experiences offered 'an opportunity to change hearts and minds'. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Wednesday 23rd October 6pm to 8pm *Magic Carpet Opening Night of The Creative Space Exhibition* at Phoenix Lights. [Details ...](#)

Sunday 3rd November 7pm to 9 pm *West Indian Women in World War Two* online event organised by Windrush Foundation. [Details ...](#)

Wednesday 6th November 17:30pm to 18:30pm Streatham Court Lecture Theatre D *Overshoot How the World Surrendered to Climate Breakdown*. GSI talk by Andreas Malm and Wim Carton on their recent work focusing on the concept of climate overshoots. To register your attendance to this talk, please email infoGSI@exeter.ac.uk

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

'Spooky lawns' in Alta Vista support Ottawa Food Bank. [Read more ...](#)

2,471-pound pumpkin wins annual weigh-off in Half Moon Bay, California. [Read more ...](#)

In a rematch, mama bear Grazer defeats rival that killed her cub to win Fat Bear Week. [Read more ...](#)

Earth's 'vital signs' show humanity's future in balance, say climate experts. Record emissions, temperatures and population mean more scientists are looking into possibility of societal collapse, report says. [Read more ...](#)

Biden Accuses Trump of 'Outright Lies' About Hurricane Response. President Biden expressed concern that misinformation would undermine confidence in the response to Hurricane Milton. [Read more ...](#)

'Russia's dirty money will hijack our democratic process': how tiny Moldova fears Kremlin is fixing EU referendum. Officials believe €100m has been funnelled into the country to influence the pivotal vote and the presidential election. [Read more ...](#)

Nobel peace prize awarded to Japanese atomic bomb survivors' group. Nihon Hidankyo receives accolade for campaign to rid world of nuclear weapons by 'describing the indescribable'. [Read more ...](#)

65 Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics: What We Saw in Gaza. [Read more ...](#)

Decolonizing Israel, Liberating Palestine, Zionism, Settler Colonialism, and the Case for One Democratic State by Jeff Halper. [Details ...](#)

Local News ...

A number of businesses in a Devon town are considering taking legal action against South West Water (SWW) over sewage spills. [Read more ...](#)

'Milestone moment' as lithium plant set to open. A demonstration plant for producing lithium is set to open in Cornwall, Cornish Lithium said. [Read more ...](#)

Top scientists call for political leadership to tackle the climate crisis ... The [Parliamentarians' Guide to Climate Change](#) contains contributions by world-leading climate experts to provide policy makers ... Coordinated by the University of Exeter and [Peers for the Planet](#). [Read more ...](#)

Pioneering river restoration declared a success delivering incredible benefits for nature and people within 12 months of completion ... National Trust's Holnicote Estate in Somerset to reconnect a section of a river to its floodplain ... has been heralded a success. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns:

Rainforest Rescue: Tell the EU to stand firm against deforestation! The EU wants to improve the protection of forests by banning the import of products associated with deforestation starting 2025. However, businesses and governments are digging in their heels to oppose the new regulation. Meanwhile, in South America, rainforests are burning again to make way for cattle and industrial soy farms. [Petition ...](#)

Avaaz: Call for Sudan protection mission now. The UN Secretary-General is about to present his recommendations to protect civilians in Sudan to the Security Council ... Global support can help him stare down big powers. [Petition ...](#)

Greenpeace: Shell and Equinor are developing illegal oil and gas fields in UK waters. On November 12th Greenpeace will be in court to stop them ... The Rosebank and Jackdaw fields will lock us into expensive energy bills and will fuel climate disasters. [Petition...](#)

Rainforest Rescue: Biodiversity offsetting is not the answer: Do not put a price on nature! [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Greenpeace: New report exposes the environmental impact of the fast fashion industry ... 500,000 items of clothing waste from Accra's Kantamanto market are discarded in open spaces and informal dumpsites each week. [Watch ...](#)

Avaaz: Almost 200 people killed last year trying to defend the environment, report finds. Latin America was the most deadly region in which to defend ecosystems from mining and deforestation, with Indigenous people among half the dead. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: Food Insecurity: How (not) to feed the world. Did you know farmers produce enough food to feed everyone on the planet, yet hunger still affects 733 million people? [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: How 'potato power' transformed Sudanese farming communities. [Read more ...](#)

War on Want: Protecting biodiversity: rejecting carbon offsetting ... As we approach the 2024 UN Biodiversity Conference, COP16, in Colombia, the stakes for humanity and biodiversity are immense. At the heart of the climate and biodiversity crises is capitalism's relentless pursuit of profit. [Read more ...](#)