



DDE Newsletter No. 234

Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

215 million hectares of forest – an area bigger than Mexico – could grow back by itself, if we can just leave it alone. [Read more ...](#)

How the climate crisis threatens the Panama Canal – and the country's future. Recent drought restrictions on the waterway cost the country \$1bn. Now, newly appointed environment minister Juan Carlos Navarro must find a way to balance sustainability with economic growth. [Read more ...](#)

Politicians not ambitious enough to save nature ... Scientists say there has been an alarming lack of progress in saving nature as the UN biodiversity summit, COP 16, draws to a close. [Read more ...](#)

The environmental campaigners fighting against data centres ... vast warehouses that house stacks of computers that store and process data used by websites, companies and governments. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

How Israel's starvation of Gaza is affecting Palestinians elsewhere. *As a mental health practitioner, I increasingly encounter eating disorders among Palestinians caused by socio-political trauma.* [Read more ...](#)

Eighty years after thousands of Greek Jews were murdered, Thessaloniki's Holocaust museum is finally set to open. Germany is among donors committing millions to the long-awaited project, to be completed in 2026, which will tell story of those who perished. [Read more ...](#)

2 million at risk of starvation in Myanmar state amid 'total economic collapse'. Exclusive: a UN report will accuse the military of imposing 'collective punishment' on Rakhine state, more than three years after seizing power in a coup. [Read more ...](#)

Coffee, sandwiches, underwear, beer: a day in the life of Japan's beloved konbini stores. Convenience stores are a neat and functional retail institution in Japan, where customers can access the daily essentials, from buying breakfast to paying bills. [Read more ...](#)

Book...

Children For Change is a new ebook inspiring 8-12 year-olds to take action to tackle climate change. Curated and annotated by author and broadcaster Konnie Huq ... absolutely free to access for every primary school in the UK. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

What Do Animals Know About Death? "Playing Possum," a new book by the philosopher Susana Monsó, explores the mysteries of grief and mourning in the animal world. [Read more ...](#)

What does Trump 2.0 mean for US foreign policy? Experts say Trump is likely to harden approach to Ukraine and China, and infuse more unpredictability in the Middle East. [Read more ...](#)

Beavers have made a comeback in Britain, but not everyone is happy. Environmentalists says the mammals help protect against flooding, but landowners say they damage watercourses and trees. [Read more ...](#)

'What a privilege ...' trend catches on as gratitude makes social media comeback. Posts lauding anything from running in the rain to tiredness and a comfy bed are springing up on Instagram and TikTok. [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

New £10m centre to tackle the health impacts of climate change. [Read more ...](#)

Exhibition to showcase community's creative response to Lower Otter Restoration project. [Read more ...](#)

Modern languages academics help to bring Ukrainian poetry from the frontline to British and international readers. Artur Dron's *We Were Here* is among the first from a soldier-poet to be translated into English and publicly released since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine started in February 2022. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

Thursday 7th November to Saturday 16th November *Being Human Festival* the UK's national festival of the humanities has some online events. [Details ...](#)

Saturday 9th November 10am to 4pm *Greens & Gains: A Fun Dive into Plant Power!* at St Thomas Community Food Hub, 95 Cowick Street, EX4 1JF. [Details and booking ...](#)

Wednesday 13th November 2pm to 3:30pm *Responsible Climate Intervention Workshop* LT 6, Laver Building, Streatham Campus & Online

If you will be attending in person, please email infoGSI@exeter.ac.uk.

If you'd like to join online, please also email infoGSI@exeter.ac.uk for Zoom link

Saturday 16th November COP29 Day of Action. [Details ...](#)

Campaigns:

Biofuelwatch: Call on your MP to support the Stop Burning Trees pledge. Much of the wood that Drax (Yorkshire) and Lynemouth (Northumberland) burn comes from the logging of some of the world's most biodiverse forests ... with catastrophic impacts on forests, wildlife, communities and the climate. [Details ...](#)

Rainforest Rescue: Ecuador: All eyes on Yasuní - Keep the oil in the ground! [...](#) the Ecuadorian people voted to leave oil in the ground forever in the Yasuni National Park in the Amazon rainforest. But the government has been dragging its feet ... [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Practical Action: Chhobi's story: October 31 marked a day to reflect on the challenges and opportunities facing urban areas, where more than half of the world's population now lives. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: Guide to COP29, the climate conference led by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11th to 22nd November 2024. [Read more ...](#)

Debt Justice: Debt cancellation – a first step towards reparatory justice. [Read more ...](#)

Global Justice Now: *Ending the Fossil Fuel Era: How We Win a Just Transition* – recording of the London leg of our speaker tour (the video is helpfully sectioned). [Watch ...](#)