



# DDE Newsletter No. 235

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Five things to look for at the Cop29 climate summit. While 2024 is likely the hottest on record, progress at the annual climate conference is up in the air. [Read more ...](#)

UN climate talks 'no longer fit for purpose' say key experts. The United Nations' COP climate talks are "no longer fit for purpose" and need an urgent overhaul, key experts including a former UN secretary general and former UN climate chief have said. [Read more ...](#)

'I have lost everything': southern Africa battles hunger amid historic drought. Crops have failed in several countries, with 27m people at risk of hunger according to World Food Programme. [Read more ...](#)

'The sea was coming closer, it was so painful to see my house being destroyed' When we built the house in 1978, we couldn't see the sea. [Read more ...](#)

Countries spend huge sums on fossil fuel subsidies – why they're so hard to eliminate. Fossil fuels are the leading driver of climate change, yet they are still heavily subsidized by governments around the world. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

The great remembrance divide: Britain fought for freedom in Europe, but against it in the colonies. While war raged against Hitler, people in places such as India were brutalised – despite their own sacrifices to the cause. [Read more ...](#)

A Remembrance Day tribute to men from various parts of the British Empire buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Stonefall, Harrogate. [Read more ...](#)

Kidnappers took his staff, then his son. But this Haiti doctor is refusing to flee. Dr Jean William 'Bill' Pape runs free health services and says people's needs cannot wait for an end to the gang warfare that is tearing the country apart. [Read more ...](#)

Landslide win for Sri Lanka's leftist coalition in snap general elections. President Dissanayake now has the mandate he needs to tackle corruption and recover stolen assets after financial crash. [Read more ...](#)

Despite 30-day Gaza aid ultimatum, US says support for Israel will proceed. US law prohibits military assistance to allies blocking humanitarian aid, but Washington says no assessment on Israel. [Read more ...](#)

Brewing Change: A coffee journey from seed to sip. [Read more ...](#)

## Watch and listen ...

Channel 4: First Commonwealth memorial outside of London unveiled in Bradford. [Watch ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Tax changes in budget last straw for UK farmers after 'years of being squeezed'. Farmers' union to bring 1,800 members to Westminster in protest, but some say mega-rich landowners are the problem.

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Black Therapists Offer Advice on Coping After Kamala Harris' Loss to Trump. With Trump's re-election sparking deep emotions across Black communities, mental health experts share self-care tips to navigate feelings of disappointment and frustration and resolve for what lies ahead. [Read more ...](#)

Baby Emu Orphan is Adopted by a Chicken—An Unexpected Mother Hen Turned Teacher. [Read more ...](#)

There's a Very Good Reason College Students Don't Read Anymore. [Read more ...](#)

Democracy has left us all with Democratic Fatigue Syndrome. Here's how to cure it. The past two decades have seen plummeting trust in democratic institutions and political parties on a global scale. [Read more ...](#)

### Local News ...

*We Are The Possible* brings 12 powerful climate stories and children's voices to the heart of COP29 in Azerbaijan. [Read more ...](#)

High school students developing new art installation to celebrate Black History Month. The collaborative project has been orchestrated by B-HUGs (Black Heritage University Groups) [Read more ...](#)

Fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increase again in 2024. Global carbon emissions from fossil fuels have reached a record high in 2024, according to new research by the Global Carbon Project science team. The 2024 Global Carbon Budget projects fossil carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions of 37.4 billion tonnes, up 0.8% from 2023. [Read more ...](#)

### Books ...

*The Story of Britain's Black Nurses* by K. N. Chimbiri (Author), Jael Umerah-Makelele and Simone Douglas (Illustrators). [Details ...](#)

Also by the author... Many of you might be aware that October is Black History Month. This year's focus is *Reclaiming Narratives*. [Read more ...](#)

### Websites...

The **Journal of Fair Trade** is an independent, peer-reviewed academic journal launched by the Journal of Fair Trade Society, in February 2019, to reclaim the best practices and values that contribute to mutuality and fairness in trade.

<https://www.scienceopen.com/collection/689e7113-9888-45e3-ada4-603e59fbedb7>

### **Campaigns:**

**Fairtrade:** Please ask your MP to commit to supporting farmers like Bismark all around the world by signing the *Be the Change* pledge. [Details ...](#)

**Rainforest Rescue:** Brazil: Howler monkeys need protection from deadly electric shocks! In the Porto Alegre area, dozens of the primates are being killed or seriously injured by electric shocks because grid operators are not properly securing and insulating their power lines and pylons. [Petition ...](#)

### **Campaign Updates:**

**War on Want:** Stop fossil fuel spending to pay the UK's climate debt. [Read more ...](#)

**Avaaz:** UN chief condemns Sudan's RSF, Britain to push for Security Council action. [Read more ...](#)

**Debt Justice:** How and why the super-rich should pay to help fix the climate crisis. [Read more ...](#)