



# DDE Newsletter No. 232

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

More than 20% of Earth's plant species are found only on islands – and time is running out to save them.

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COP16: What is biodiversity and how are we protecting it? Leaders and representatives from nearly every country on Earth are meeting in Colombia to take stock of global progress in protecting the natural world.

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More than 1,000 homes linked to £20bn green energy grid expected to be built in Highlands. Subsidiary of electricity firm SSE signs 'unique and novel' employment and social housing deal with local councils.

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Biodiversity declining even faster in 'protected' areas, scientists warn Cop16. Just designating key areas will not meet 30x30 target on nature loss, study says, pointing to oil drilling in parks. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

The history of Caribbean slavery is being lost. Britain must act now to preserve it. Climate-related disasters are destroying precious records. At next week's Commonwealth summit, King Charles can show his support for their protection. [Read more ...](#)

Venezuelan opposition leaders Machado, Gonzalez win EU's top rights prize. Pair honoured three months after election they say was rigged in favour of President Nicolas Maduro. [Read more ...](#)

'Where will I go?': Hindu man dead, Muslims in India's Bagraich face attack. After a young man is shot dead moments after he climbs a Muslim property and hoists a saffron flag, mobs go on rampage, burning houses, as authorities arrest nearly 100 and order demolition of homes. [Read more ...](#)

To my distant cousin Justin Welby: our family's slavery history is truly awful. Let's be open about it. The archbishop has admitted his connections, but must go further. Backing the campaign for reparations would be a start. [Read more ...](#)

Russia's BRICS summit: What's on the agenda and why it matters to Putin. The summit, which leaders from two dozen nations will attend, is the largest event Russia has hosted in years and a signal to the West amid the war in Ukraine, analysts say. [Read more ...](#)

In Pictures: Palestinians flee North Gaza amid Israeli bombardment. Israel has carried out numerous deadly attacks since laying siege to the north of the enclave more than two weeks ago. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

How a US city fought back in bitter dispute that could impact the election. Michigan's knife edge presidential vote may well be decided by war in the Middle East. But one community is working to bridge the divide. [Read more ...](#)

Doomsday Arctic seed vault gets deposit of 30,000 new samples. [Read more ...](#)

'They refused to let me go': Japanese workers turn to resignation agencies to quit jobs. One in six workers has engaged a firm to hand in notice for them, as younger workers reject traditional work ethic. [Read more ...](#)

'Childless cat ladies' have long contributed to the welfare of American children – and the nation. [Read more ...](#)

Commonwealth leaders to defy Keir Starmer over slavery reparations. Draft communique containing agreement to re-examine slave trade reparations adds to building pressure on PM. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

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

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 5pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.55pm** at Exeter Phoenix. *The Teacher ...* parallel struggles of a Palestinian schoolteacher grieving the loss of his son and an American couple fighting to reclaim their son from kidnappers. [Details ...](#)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 3pm to 5pm** at Exeter Phoenix *Swansong: Sing Her to Me* Remi Rana-Allen. Exhibition Launch. Join the artist, Remi Rana-Allen, to celebrate the opening day of their new exhibition. **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2pm at Exeter Phoenix** *Artist's Talk ...* informal walk through the exhibition and discussion with Phoenix Gallery curator Matt Burrows. [Details ...](#)

**Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm to 8:30pm** *Transforming the Menu: How rediversifying and rebalancing what we eat can lead to a more sustainable, more secure food system.* Exeter Food presents: Michael Caines MBE. [Details ...](#)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February** *Exeter History Book Festival* [Details ...](#)

### Watch and listen ...

Channel 4: *Churchill: Britain's Secret Apartheid*. A gripping journey into a controversial event from World War II. In 1942, Churchill allowed the US to bring its racially segregated army to Britain, provoking conflict across the country. [Watch ...](#)

### Local News ...

Cargo ships return to North Devon with major benefits for county. New shipping route set to reduce road traffic and improve sustainability in the region. [Read more ...](#)

Research project invites members of the public to help transcribe thousands of historic wills. [Read more ...](#)

**Campaign Updates:**

**Greenpeace:** The era of UK coal is over. Here's how it happened, and what comes next. [Read more ...](#)

**Greenpeace:** Victory for the Munduruku People and their forest home. [Read more ...](#)

**Defend Climate Chaos:** Rising to the challenge: next steps in The BMJ's climate commitments. The BMJ is acting on its promises, and others must too. [Read more ...](#)

**Debt Justice:** Private lenders to make \$14 billion profit after debt relief deals. [Read more ...](#)