



# DDE Newsletter No. 244

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

World's addiction to fossil fuels is 'Frankenstein's monster', says UN chief. António Guterres issues warning at Davos, days after Donald Trump pulled US out of Paris climate agreement. [Read more ...](#)

Why sheep have become the unlikely hero of the booming US solar industry. The proliferation of sheep on solar farms is part of a broader trend that has exploded alongside the industry. [Read more ...](#)

'Sunshine Bill' for new build solar panels rejected. A proposed law requiring all new homes to have solar panels suggested by Cheltenham's MP has been rejected. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

Does China 'operate' Panama Canal, as Trump says? During his inaugural address, President Donald Trump doubled down on his assertion that China runs the Panama Canal. [Read more ...](#)

'We've lost all hope': Rohingya trapped as Bangladesh closes Myanmar border. Muslim refugees fleeing persecution in Myanmar are being detained and forced back by Bangladeshi border guards. [Read more ...](#)

Mapping 1,800 Israeli settler attacks in the West Bank since October 2023. An average of four incidents of settler violence have taken place each day in the occupied West Bank since October 7. [Read more ...](#)

With the knives out on development spending, have we reached 'peak aid'? From Trump's Project 2025 to a huge aid cut by the Dutch, donors are turning their backs on the developing world. [Read more ...](#)

Haiti displacement surpasses one million people: UN. Children account for more than half of Haiti's displaced population, which has tripled amid relentless gang violence. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

With help and support from Learn Devon, Ukrainian refugee, Olga has rebuilt her life in North Devon. [Read more ...](#)

Exeter experts head to Davos to drive action on climate and environment. [Read more ...](#)

Scientists vow to 'keep coming back' to Davos until climate and nature is on agenda. [Read more ...](#)

Oral history project exploring Dancing in Dawlish set to culminate in free musical event. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

India's pioneering female anthropologist who challenged Nazi race theories. Irawati Karve led a life that stood apart from those around her. [Read more ...](#)

Former M&S boss says working from home is 'not doing proper work'. WFH has harmed employee productivity, says Stuart Rose, who was also executive chair of Asda. [Read more ...](#)

Trump Had Strong Words About Education In His Inaugural Address, And Teachers Are Not Holding Back In Their Responses. [Read more ...](#)

Passenger clings to German high-speed train and survives. A fare-dodging passenger on a German high-speed train ended up clinging to the outside when it pulled out of the station before he was ready to get on, police say. [Read more ...](#)

Is this the way to fix social care in England? As yet another review is launched, a single council is offering an alternative to rationing support for the most needy. [Read more ...](#)

Schools are scared to teach the Arab-Israeli conflict in history lessons. I have offered to go into a local school to facilitate sessions on this with older pupils, without success. [Read more ...](#)

Writing in pen or pencil is a multi-sensory joy, even if no one else can read it. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Thursday 30th January 6pm at Exeter Phoenix** *9 Things You Never Knew About Neurodiversity* organised by Agile Rabbit. [Details ...](#)

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 12noon** *Earth Photo Exhibition Haldon Forest* organised by Greenpeace. [Details ...](#)

### Campaign Updates:

**CPRE:** Christmas dinner at risk under 'grey belt' proposals, CPRE analysis reveals. England's Green Belts and similar countryside areas play a vital role in producing an outsized share of potatoes, vegetables, beef, and cereal crops. But working farms in these areas are at risk of development from new government 'grey belt' proposals. [Read more ...](#)

**Amnesty UK:** 'Bitterly overdue' ceasefire will not repair lives of Palestinians shattered by Israel's genocide in Gaza. [Read more ...](#)

**Biofuelwatch:** Drax's BECCS project climbs in cost to the UK public. Rising costs of wood pellets mean the subsidy required for Drax's BECCS plant could reach £1.7bn each year. [Read more ...](#)