



DDE Newsletter No. 15

Local news ...

They may live thousands of miles apart, separated by lockdowns, but coronavirus has forged new connections between a group of students in England and refugees living in Italy. Valentina Todino and Sara Forcella set up the online lessons to help their students feel less isolated, and to help them continue to practice their language skills while stuck at home. [Read more ...](#)

Showcase of interesting and beautiful images of current STEAMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics and Medicine) research in the South West in the *Research Exhibition*. [Read more ...](#)

Videos and podcasts ...

Care jobs are green jobs - and we need more of them. This short film from The Leap, narrated by Naomi Klein, shares an exciting vision for how care can anchor a new kind of crisis-resilient economy.

[Watch ...](#)

Bristol is arguably the UK's most active city on the Sustainable Development Goals and Mayor Marvin Rees has been actively pushing them as the key to the city's recovery from the pandemic. In this episode, we talk about what is happening in Bristol and how we can work together in a more integrated and holistic way. [Listen ...](#)

Catherine and the Jo Cox Foundation set up the Connection Coalition to mitigate the impacts of isolation felt during the Covid19 pandemic. In this episode we'll explore the impact of the pandemic on our communities, and what we can do to build on the solidarity and unity that has been created to help deliver the SDGs. [Listen ...](#)

Articles ...

'People were abandoned': injustices of pandemic laid bare in Brent. At least 36 people have died in Church End, a neighbourhood dealing with housing pressures, in-work poverty and racial inequalities. [Read more ...](#)

Boycotting Israel is not a crime, says European Human Rights Court. The EHRC overturned the French court's convictions of 12 BDS activists for "incitement to discrimination" in a watershed ruling for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement. [Read more ...](#)

Kike Oniwinde, co-founder of the BYP Network, a platform that connects black professionals to each other and corporations, explores the systemic racism faced by black communities in the UK and considers solutions to bridge division and mobilise change together. [Read more ...](#)

Covid-19 and climate change have made it harder than ever for farmers in Zimbabwe to survive, but Melody Makumbe is encouraging a return to traditional, local crop varieties to safeguard their future. [Read more ...](#)

Articles ...

Baroness Floella Benjamin...A Windrush Story [Read more ...](#)

Ghana: A debt crisis rooted in colonialism. It's been more than 60 years since Ghana achieved independence. But the economy shaped by colonialism faces a debt crisis and speculators continue to extract large profits from the country. [Read more ...](#)

World at Lunch ...

After historic election, what next for Malawi? How significant is Lazarus Chakwera's win and what are the challenges ahead as he takes the reins of a divided country? [Read more ...](#)

How do you deal with 9m tonnes of suffocating seaweed? Across the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean, scientists are developing alternative sustainable solutions to the golden tide of Sargassum. [Read more ...](#)

Mexico City's Architects of Destruction ... an investigation explores how engineers, builders, and politicians failed to follow building codes—with deadly results. [Read more ...](#)

Far-right thugs exploit Black Lives Matter movement, warns UK anti-extremism chief. Home Office commissioner Sara Khan reveals surge in online hate material since death of George Floyd. [Read more ...](#)

'Wear your crown, because change is coming': Virginia joins states banning hair discrimination. Virginia's Crown Act goes into effect on Wednesday – and other southern states could follow. [Read more ...](#)

Are statues history? What historians think after monuments to Edward Colston and other UK slave traders pulled down The debate on statues and their part in history remains rife and raw, with the Colston incident sparking a wide review about the historical figures who are commemorated in Britain. [Read more ...](#)

Britain's towns and cities will never flourish if 'local' is a dirty word. For years, councils have been starved of resources. The resulting crisis in public services is matched by a crisis of democracy. [Read more ...](#)

Things to do ...

This past month of June has been dedicated to uplifting and honouring the LGBTQ+ experience. Here are a list of films that you can watch to celebrate at home. [Read more ...](#)

Saturday 11th July 7:30pm to 9:30pm Telling our Stories: Finding our Roots: Exeter's multi-cultural history - Dr Ghee Bowman explores Exeter's multicultural past through the findings of the 2013-14 Exeter TOSFOR project. [Further details ...](#) [Book a ticket ...](#)

Tuesday 14th 7:30pm A TEDxExeter conversation 'Race and Racial Equity' with Dexter Dias (a human rights barrister) and Marcia Rigg (whose brother Sean Rigg died in police custody as a result of excessive and unnecessary restraint) . This is a free event but booking is required (password TEDxJulyequity20) [Book a ticket ...](#)

Campaigns ...

Lower-income countries are due to spend \$40 billion on debt payments in 2020 alone. There is a call to push the IMF to cancel debt payments for countries suffering from the economic impacts of coronavirus.

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People are calling on the European Central Bank and President Christine Lagarde not to pour billions of euros into dirty fossil fuel corporations. [Read more ...](#)

People are calling on the UK government to ensure that any vaccine developed with public money is made affordable and available to all. [Read more ...](#)

Poem ...

A charming Windrush Day poem [Watch and listen ...](#)

Onjali Raúf reads the three winning poems from the Divine Chocolate & Christian Aid Poetry Competition 2020 [Watch, listen and read ...](#)