



# DDE Newsletter No. 20

## Articles ...

Loving Beethoven and your country seem to be a dangerous combination. An eloquent and poignant speech given by Suhail Khoury, General Director of the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music (ESNCM), following his and his wife's detention last week and the very real threat that exists to stop music education in Palestine, particularly in Jerusalem. [Read more ...](#)

Thailand protesters openly criticise monarchy in Harry Potter-themed rally. Demonstrators issue rare rebuke in country where defaming royals is punishable by up to 15 years in jail. [Read more ...](#)

How renamed streets in Mumbai's slums are encouraging children to study. A mobile school helped Rehmuddin Shaikh become a rugby star. Now a street named after him is inspiring a new generation. [Read more ...](#)

Sri Lankan parliamentary elections. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his brother register huge victory. So, what does this election result mean? [Read more ...](#)

## World at Lunch ...

'To my last breath': survivors fight for memory of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. 75 years after bombings, witnesses struggle to remind us of the horrors of nuclear weapons. [Read more ...](#)

Uganda's tough approach curbs COVID, even as Africa nears 1 million cases. [Read more ...](#)

Myanmar: Karen minority demand troops leave area. Myanmar's Karen community marches for justice after soldiers are accused of shooting dead a mother and stealing her jewellery. [Read more ...](#)

'Ghetto presidents': Musicians risk all to take on authoritarian rule in Africa. Artists taking on political roles from Algeria to Zambia have been beaten, detained and killed. [Read more ...](#)

Not all good news but some great photographs ... New penguin colonies in Antarctica spotted by satellites in space. [Read more ...](#)

## Things to do ...

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm - Q&A with Eva Riley, writer-director of Perfect 10, plus lead actors Frankie Box and Alfie Deegan. [Read more ...](#)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 7:30pm - Mark Thomas - Walking the Wall. Never one to take the easy option, Mark decided to go rambling in the Middle East and walked the entire length of the Israeli Barrier crossing between the Israeli and the Palestinian side. [Read more ...](#)

### **Videos and podcasts ...**

Should Britain pay reparations for its part in the slave trade? The toppling of slave owner Edward Colston's statue amid the Black Lives Matter protests has raised some uncomfortable questions about the United Kingdom's role in the slave trade. [Watch ...](#)

Artist Joy Gregory talks about her exhibition ... Windrush Nurses at University Lewisham Hospital. [Watch ...](#)

My grandad worked on the bomb that dropped on Hiroshima. Could another man - Leo Szilard - have stopped it? [Listen ...](#)

### **Local news ...**

Alphington Community Association (ACA) is on the verge of completing the construction of a Drama studio in the village. [Read more ...](#)

### **Campaigns ...**

An update on the Nestle campaign .... My meeting with the Ivorian Fair Trade network. [Read more ...](#)

See how Fairtrade is tackling the climate crisis [Watch ...](#)

The Climate Coalition are calling on individuals and local community groups to sign a declaration announcing their support for action on climate change. [Read more](#)

Matt Hancock handed track and trace to private companies like Serco for big money, but locally led public health teams are doing most of the contact tracing - with a fraction of the funds. People are telling their Council Leader they want locally led, safe track and trace. [Read more ...](#)

### **Poem ...**

The Front Room by Nairobi Thompson. [Watch ...](#)

### **Book ...**

Black Shamrocks: Accommodation Available – No Blacks, No Dogs, No Irish by Gus Michael Nwanokwu. [Read more](#)