



DDE Newsletter No. 16

Articles ...

'Our pastures have been taken': Indians rue China's Himalayan land grab. Image obtained by Guardian shows substantial Chinese military structures erected despite agreements to disengage. [Read more ...](#)

As Priti Patel quietly expands Prevent, let's talk about why we should be defunding it instead. This is not just about opposing a policy or programme, it's about a systematic rethink of how to rebuild society, replacing ingrained suspicion with solidarity. [Read more ...](#)

It is possible to be a secular Muslim. We don't wish to disassociate with Islam or engage in anti-Muslim sentiment. We want to remain tethered to our heritage. [Read more ...](#)

'Mama Boko Haram': one woman's extraordinary mission to rescue 'her boys' from terrorism. [Read more ...](#)

'Seeing the trees being ripped down is really hard': meet a father and son protesting against HS2. [Read more ...](#)

World at Lunch ...

A Ghanaian fabric company has launched a new line of designs inspired by the Covid-19 pandemic. The new fabrics have symbols like padlocks, keys and planes to reflect some of the measures implemented to curb the spread of coronavirus. African prints are popular in Ghana and many workers wear them on Fridays. [Read more ...](#)

Have a heart, KitKat, don't break with Fairtrade. Nestlé is big in York, but the city is fighting the brand's decision to make life harder for African cocoa farmers. [Read more ...](#)

Britain to resume sale of arms to Saudi Arabia despite Yemen fears. Official review finds airstrikes that broke humanitarian law were 'isolated incidents'. [Read more ...](#)

'Yazidi women are strong': Iraq's female landmine clearance teams. Isis planted mines across Sinjar and displaced the Yazidi community. Now a group of women are clearing the way for the return of their people. [Read more ...](#)

Into the Fire In an area of Iraq destroyed by ISIS, Hana Khider leads an all-female team of Yazidi deminers in their attempts to clear the land of mines. [Watch the film ...](#)

Local news ...

Public asked for thoughts on future of General Buller statue. "The statue was originally funded by the people of Exeter and the purpose of the recommendation is to ascertain if its prominence is still appropriate to the people of Exeter today." [Read more ...](#)

Vacancy for Development Worker at Exeter Community Initiatives [Read more ...](#)

Videos and podcasts ...

The trailblazing nurse who began life in care. Elizabeth Anionwu spent her earliest years in a British children's home. Now Professor Dame Elizabeth Anionwu, she is Britain's first sickle cell nurse specialist.

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The difference between 'not racist' and 'anti-racist'. Leading US academic Ibram X Kendi argues there is no in-between: Either you are racist, or actively anti-racist. [Watch ...](#)

Gaza: Amputee children play football again as virus curbs eased. Child amputees return to the sport they love as coronavirus restrictions are lifted in Gaza. [Watch ...](#)

Can Sweden's 'vertical farms' solve global food shortages? Al Jazeera takes a look at an intricate farming operation within Stockholm's city walls. [Watch ...](#)

Things to do ...

Showcase – RAMM's new digital exhibition and stories space is live. [Read more ...](#)

Sunday 12th July 6:30pm Join London Drawing Group's Luisa Maria MacCormack for our Feminist Lecture series dedicated to celebrating the lives and work of Women of Colour in Art History! [Read more ...](#)

Monday 13th July 6pm Join Yasmin Agilah Hood for this gentle and meditative drawing class. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns ...

The UK government has spent almost £4 billion funding fossil fuel infrastructure around the world since the Paris Agreement in 2015. It's an embarrassment ahead of the UK hosting the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow next year. [Read more ...](#)

Updates on Nestle/KitKat campaign to retain Fairtrade. [Read ...](#) [and more ...](#)

Soon the G20 will meet. Will they opt for 'business as usual' or spend public money on a safe and just recovery for everyone. [Read more ...](#)

Poem ...

'To my white friends in the countryside' – Dorset based poet Louisa Adjoa Parker hopes to raise awareness about the racism people can face in rural areas. [Watch ...](#)

Book ...

Under Fire: Black Britain in Wartime 1939-45 by Stephen Bourne (publication date 3rd August).

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