



DDE Newsletter No. 38

Articles ...

Abolish anti-Blackness: Hair and racism in South Africa. How a racist beauty advertisement reinforced colonial ideas that present Blackness as abnormal in relation to whiteness. [Read more ...](#)

Poetry, the soul of Uighur culture, on verge of extinction in Xinjiang, Uighurs in the diaspora are fighting to keep the art form alive as poets and writers in Xinjiang are silenced or detained. [Read more ...](#)

Why my council is refusing to help the Home Office deport rough sleepers. The plan to deport homeless non-UK nationals punishes the most vulnerable in society. [Read more ...](#)

'It's not weird or foreign': the Ugandan monk bringing Buddhism to Africa. Bhante Buddharakkhita is aiming to train 54 Ugandans as novices in the Theravada Buddhist tradition. [Read more ...](#)

'Be careful what you wish for,' warns last Australian PM as Boris Johnson touts no-deal Brexit. [Read more ...](#)

A hiking trip amid the beautiful West Bank scenery is a bittersweet experience. Israeli settlements and checkpoints are encroaching on one of the few escapes from harsh reality available to Palestinians. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

Have your say on new green space on edge of Exeter. A masterplan for Clyst Valley Regional Park has gone out to public consultation. People have until 7 January to comment on the initiative. [Read more ...](#)

DCC Million-pound boost to alleviate Christmas holiday hunger. [Read more ...](#)

The pandemic professor - Nottingham's man of the pandemic, Professor Jonathan Van-Tam. [Read more ...](#)

Our Place Our Plant is a resource, prepared by Transition Exmouth, to help us take small steps to tackle the climate emergency. [Read more ...](#)

Professor Jose Iriarte and Dr Mark Robinson from Exeter University have found spectacular rock paintings in the Amazon - 'Sistine Chapel of the ancients' rock art discovered in remote Amazon forest. [Read more ...](#)

Long read ...

A piece of history: The Black Panther who hijacked a jet to Algeria and started again in France. [Read more ...](#)

Videos and podcasts ...

Covid Memories – Looking at the virus through the eyes of children and young people. [Watch ...](#)

Rohingya suffering 'life-threatening and overlooked'. They escaped terrifying events during the 2017 Myanmar military crackdown. And they now face being sent to a remote island said to be unsafe, with poor living conditions. [Watch ...](#)

The rise of the 'chumocracy'. Investigations into how lucrative Covid-related government contracts were awarded have raised serious questions about cronyism. [Listen ...](#)

Things to do ...

Thursday 17th December 6pm to 8pm Eco-Conscious Citizens' Trees and Climate Change End of Year Meeting [Details ...](#)

Thursday 17th December 7:30p to 9:30pm Northern Devon for Europe Christmas Party. [Details ...](#)
Northern Devon for Europe is a non-party political voluntary grouping of residents of Torridge and North Devon. In the wake of Brexit, they seek to promote international co-operation and friendship in and beyond Europe and to work with others to stand up for human rights, accountable leadership, and honesty and truthfulness in government at all levels.

Friday 18th December 7pm Wren Musicians – Enjoy hearing live music and singing as the team share their favourite seasonal songs. Live on [YouTube ...](#)

Events in Exeter as part of the **Virtual Christmas Market**. [Details ...](#)

The **Exe Estuary Box**, developed by Tidelines, is a place to share thoughts, experiences, ideas and questions on the Exe estuary and coastline. [Details ...](#)

Advance notice – **Fairtrade Fortnight Community Art Festival** – Fairtrade Devon are planning to contribute [Details ...](#)

Campaigns ...

The Bank of England acts as a referee for the whole UK financial system, that means it has the power to impose rules that could stop banks the climate crisis. [Petition ...](#)

A global initiative of governments and business to reach living incomes for farmers and workers, starting with cocoa. [Petition ...](#)

The #PeoplesVaccine Day of Action to demand Big Pharma share their vaccines with the world. [Details ...](#)

Politicians from the global south call on governments to suspend patent rules on Covid-19 vaccines. [Watch ...](#)

Talk/together is the UK's biggest-ever conversation about what divides and unites us, and what could bring our society together in these difficult times. [Read more ...](#)