



# DDE Newsletter No. 53

## Articles ...

The Soaring Legacy of the Tuskegee Airman. The 80th anniversary of the first black flying unit is a time to recall the era when military service meant confronting foes both at home and abroad. [Read more ...](#)

Purple revolution: India's farmers turn to lavender to beat drought. Faced with climate change, farmers in Jammu and Kashmir are switching from maize to essential oils. [Read more ...](#)

'We cannot drink oil': campaigners condemn east African pipeline project. Activists say the 'heart of Africa' line shipping crude from Uganda to Tanzania is unnecessary and poses a huge environmental risk. [Read more ...](#)

Polish activists embrace 'equality jogging' at Pride parades. Campaigners stage 'solidarity workouts' in protest against homophobic attacks. [Read more ...](#)

## Videos and podcasts ...

UK university's return of looted Benin Bronze puts pressure on other institutions. [Watch ...](#)

Amina Mohammed: 'A woman as president of Nigeria would be great'. The UN deputy secretary-general discusses the key issues affecting women in her home country. [Watch ...](#)

Climate Change: Ade on the Frontline – Solomon Islands and Australia. [Watch ...](#)

Greta Thunberg: A Year to Change the World. [Watch ...](#)

## Things to do ...

*Books, Violence and Resistance* – Three more talks in the series on Black Bookshops as scenes of resistance.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6:30pm to 8:15pm** *Eric Huntley* [Details ...](#)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm to 8:15pm** *New Beacon Books* [Details ...](#)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm to 8:15pm** *Centerprise* [Details ...](#)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2pm** *Youth Voices on Global Justice* organised by Fridays for Future and Agile Rabbit. [Details](#)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May** *The Sounds of the Red Planet: Secrets of the Mars Rover* organised by Agile Rabbit. [Details ...](#)

### **World at Lunch ...**

New Zealand's 'wellbeing budget' made headlines, but what really changed? Two years ago Jacinda Ardern's government committed to a new mental health strategy, now the world wants to know has it worked. [Read more ...](#)

Campaign for Job Maseko to be awarded Victoria Cross. A Milverton man is fighting to right what he perceives a massive injustice a war hero suffered due to the colour of his skin. [Read more ...](#)

Idris Elba's Luther 'doesn't feel authentic' as a Black lead, says BBC diversity chief. 'He doesn't have any Black friends, he doesn't eat any Caribbean food,' said Miranda Wayland. [Read more ...](#)

Downing Street rewrote 'independent' report on race, experts claim. Commissioners allege No 10 distorted their work on inequality, after conclusions played down institutional racism. [Read more ...](#)

Daunte Wright: Protesters demand justice over police shooting of 20-year-old Black man in Minneapolis suburbs. [Read more ...](#)

UK farmers should grow more beans, according to scientists. Farmers in the UK and EU should grow lentils and beans are part of their crop rotation to improve public health and reduce reliance on chemical fertilisers, researchers declare. [Read more ...](#)

Volcanic ash covers St Vincent – in pictures. Three days after La Soufrière volcano began to erupt on St Vincent, the eastern Caribbean island remains under a shower of ash and subject to water restrictions as authorities grow concerned for the safety of those who did not evacuate. [Read more ...](#)

### **Campaigns ...**

A report recently revealed that in the few years after the Paris Climate Agreement, high street bank Barclays handed out a massive \$85 billion to companies involved in coal, fracking, tar sands and Arctic oil projects. [Petition ...](#)

Corporate courts give fossil fuel companies the power to sue governments for taking action on the climate emergency. [Petition ...](#)

The Home Office has plans for a new immigration detention centre for women in County Durham. The centre is planned to hold 80 women and to open in the autumn on the site of the notorious Medomsley prison, in an area previously earmarked for housing development. [Petition ...](#)

Companies are deliberately firing people to rehire them on worse contracts. Companies shouldn't be able to force staff into choosing between worse contracts and being fired. [Petition ...](#)